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DARING ROBBERY FROM A SAMPAN.

Man Faced With Crime Two Years Old.

JANUARY ASSIZES.

The second of two cases on the calendar for the January Assizes was heard by the Acting Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice R. Jacks) and a jury this morning.

The accused was Wan Lin-yau, and the charge against him was larceny by two or more. It was alleged that on October 29, 1928, the accused boarded a passenger sampan in the Harbour of Refuge at Yaumati, with Pun Tak and Ko Cho, and robbed Fan Mei, the mistress of the boat, of a purse containing a gold ring and \$140 in money.

The accused, who was not legally represented, claimed trial.

Unusual Case.

The case for the prosecution was outlined by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor. He told the jury that the case was an unusual one because it referred to an alleged robbery which occurred over two years ago.

They would hear in evidence, he said, that on October 29, 1928, at about 9.30 p.m., a boatwoman named Fan Mei was on board her sampan which was moored in the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter close to shore and alongside a coal boat. She was alone in the sampan, her husband being on the coal boat.

Optim Search.

A small boat came alongside the sampan and two men boarded it. They pretended that they had come to search for opium. They found nothing, and then the two men put the boatwoman, Fan Mei, into their own boat, where they proceeded with a third man (alleged to be the accused) to search the woman. They made her hand over a purse containing \$140 and a gold ring.

The woman's husband was quite close by and saw and heard all. He would say that he was prevented from returning to his boat by men who had boarded her. He did not take any action until the three robbers tried to escape. His evidence was that prisoner was the robber who succeeded in getting away with the purse. The accused got ashore by running across the coal boat.

Chased by Husband.

The master of the sampan and his wife would say that the other two robbers jumped into the water. They were chased by the husband and pulled out of the water with the aid of a fork. These two men were tried for robbery and convicted.

It was only on December 3, 1930, that the accused was arrested. They would not know the circumstances in which the arrest was effected, because the Chinese detective who took the accused into custody was shot and killed in a Yaumati restaurant about a week later.

Mr. Whyte-Smith emphasised that the shooting of the detective had nothing to do with the case they were dealing with. He merely mentioned it to show that it was impossible to produce evidence of arrest. Most probably the arrest was the result of information received by the detective.

Identification Parade.

On the same day of the accused's arrest (December 3), an identification parade was held. The accused standing in a row with eight other men of similar height, build, and attire. Three witnesses who were on the scene of the robbery attended the parade, but only one person identified the accused. This was the boatwoman's husband, who was quite definite about it. This was the only identification of the accused, but coupled with it was a statement made by the accused when he was charged at the station.

Mr. Whyte-Smith said that after hearing the evidence the jury would find that the accused's statement placed a very surprising complexion on the case. It was an incriminating statement, if not actually a confession, and it showed that the accused knew too much about the robbery. He would ask the jury to say after consideration of the identification of the accused by the

PRINCES IN TRAIN MISHAP.

Express Held Up Owing To Blockage of Line.

STEAMER DELAYED.

Bordeaux, Yesterday.

The train in which the Prince of Wales and Prince George were travelling to Santander from Paris to-day was temporarily held up owing to an accident earlier in the night to an express train from Spain, which resulted in a blockage of the line and necessitated the transfer of passengers on both the up and down lines to other trains. The prefecture of Bordeaux, however, subsequently learned that the Princes had passed through Bayonne at 12.10 p.m. and a telephone order was sent to Santander to delay the s.s. Oropesa's departure.

Impassable Barrier.

The mishap occurred at Morceaux, in the heart of the desolate Landes district, on arrival at which the Princes were faced with an impassable barrier of over a mile of ploughed up track, imposing a delay of five hours, while a special train was summoned from the South and their highnesses, with their luggage, were transferred across the gap.

Prince Sails.

Santander, Yesterday. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales sailed on the Oropesa at 9 p.m.—Reuter.

[Santander, one of the chief seaports of Spain, is 316 miles north of Madrid by rail and is the terminus of railways from Valladolid and Bilbao. It is situated in an inlet in the Bay of Biscay, on the inside of a rocky peninsula. Many of the houses on the bay front and public buildings were restored after the catastrophe of Nov. 3, 1893, when the steamer Machicharro, laden with 1,700 cases of dynamite, blew up near the quay.]

boatwoman's husband and the accused's statement when charged, that the only conclusion they could arrive at was that accused was guilty.

Equally Guilty.

Here Mr. Whyte-Smith commented that even if the accused was only standing by during the robbery and afterward ran ashore with the purse, he was equally guilty of the robbery as the two convicted men. Apparently he did not come in the small boat with the other two, who hired the craft, and he joined them presumably from the shore.

The accused's statement was then read as follows:—

"In this matter a number of persons went to take part. I did not go on the boat. I was in the street. At last two men Ko Ki-man and Pun Tak were arrested by the Police. One man, Kau Kong-chai, ran away; and another was Yeung Mei-chai."

Mr. Whyte-Smith commented that it would be difficult to see how the accused was innocent in view of that statement and his identification by the boatwoman's husband.

Blackmail Alleged.

When before the Magistrate the accused made another statement alleging that the charge against him was blackmail. The boat people had tried to get \$30 from him; and when he would not pay they brought the charge against him.

Evidence corroborating Mr. Whyte-Smith's opening statement was given by the boatwoman, her husband, and the man in charge of the small boat in which the robbers came.

Detective Inspector Fallon deposed that the accused was arrested on information received by Chinese detective Tse On (since dead), on suspicion of having been concerned in a robbery. The Inspector said that the informer was produced to him and he took the man's name and address, and added "In case he is assassinated I am responsible."

In reply to Mr. Whyte-Smith the Inspector said that the information did not come from the boat people. It showed that the accused knew too much about the robbery. He would ask the jury to say after consideration of the identification of the accused by the

SANITARY BOARD.

REPORT ON WATER SUPPLY OF COLONY.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The following are the orders of the day for the meeting of the Sanitary Board at 4.15 p.m. to-morrow:—

Letter from Government relative to the erection of four additional urinals at King's Building on Marine Lot No. 287.

Letter from Government relative to the erection of three native type water closets at No. 10 Sui Wa Terrace on Inland Lot No. 767 R.P.

Letter from Government relative to the erection of three European water closets at No. 84 Robinson Road on Inland Lot Nos. 1250 and 931 R.P.

Letter from Government relative to the erection of sixteen European and one native type water closets and five urinals at a house in Bonham Road on Inland Lot No. 591.

Letter from Government relative to the erection of fifty-two European and one native type water closets at Regional Seminary on Rural Building Lot No. 315, Aberdeen.

Letter from Government relative to the erection of eight European and sixteen native type water closets and five urinals at the Hostel—Staff Bungalows—Servants' Quarters on Garden Lot No. 76; and one additional European water closet at St. Stephen's College Hostel—Stanley—on Rural Building Lot No. 321.

Letter from Government relative to the erection of forty native type water closets at the houses in Yik Yam Street on Inland Lot No. 3089.

Letter from Government relative to the erection of five European and one native type water closets at a house in Canton Road on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 632.

Letter from Government relative to the erection of five European type water closets at a house in Canton Road on Kowloon Inland Lot, 632.

Letter from Government relative to the erection of five European type water closets at a house in Bonham Road on Inland Lot No. 602, section C, R.P.

Letter from Government relative to the erection of forty native type water closets at ten houses in Lockhart and Hennessy Roads on Inland Lot No. 2325.

Letter from Government relative to the erection of one additional European water closet at a house in Prince Edward Road on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2204.

Correspondence relative to the hours of opening and closing of the Kowloon Tong Market.

Reports of the work done by the Select Committees for the month of December, 1930.

Report from the Honourable Director of Medical and Sanitary Services on the water supply of the Colony for the month of December, 1930.

Health Bulletin of Eastern Ports from the Honourable Director of Medical and Sanitary Services for the weeks ending December 27, 1930 and January 3, 1931.

Health Return from the League of Nations, Eastern Bureau for the weeks ending December 15.

Record of Infectious Diseases from the Ministry of Health for the weeks ending November 12 and 19, 1930.

Mortality Return for Hong Kong for the week ending December 23, 1930.

Rat Return for the weeks ending December 27, 1930 and January 3, 1931.

SHOT EUROPEAN.

MRS. XAVIER REMAINED UNTIL NEXT WEEK.

MR. MANTON IMPROVING.

On the charge of having attempted to murder Mr. Alfred Joseph Manton, at 415, Lockhart Road, on December 27, by firing at him with a revolver, Mrs. Jesuina Maria Xavier made her fourth appearance before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate's this morning.

His Worship: Any further news from the hospital?

Replying, Detective Sub-Inspector Murphy said that Mr. Manton was doing fairly well, and was now in the Victoria Hospital. He would be able to attend Court next week, but not until then.

Mr. Lindsell (to Defendant): You are remanded another week—43 January 24, at 10 a.m.

DEATH OF MR. C. A. FULCHER.

Came to the Far East in 1892.

FUNERAL AT 5 P.M.

There passed away in the Kowloon Hospital at four o'clock this morning an old and very popular resident of the Colony, in the person of Mr. C. A. Fulcher, at the age of 62 years. He had a paralytic stroke yesterday afternoon, at his residence, Station Hotel, and was removed to the Kowloon Hospital.

Mr. C. A. Fulcher, has been connected with the staff of Messrs. Moxon and Taylor, Exchange Building, since 1921, in which year he came out to the East a second time. He was born in 1869, and was educated at Harrow. He originally came to

STOP PRESS

London, Yesterday.

The death took place to-day of the Labour Member of Parliament, Dr. Ethel Bentham, who won a seat at East Islington at the last election, after standing there three times previously. She was a great champion of women's interests and said recently that women were still in the hobbled stage. "We are full citizens, but we are still seeking full emancipation in practice as well as in theory,"—Reuter.

the Far East in 1892, being in the firm of Smith, Bell & Co. in the Philippine Islands as an assistant.

Poor Health.

He worked there for 27 years, but his health compelled him to leave Manila, and he returned to Britain, where he remained for two years. Mr. Fulcher came out to the Far East again in 1921, and joined the staff of Moxon and Taylor.

Of a kindly and genial disposition, Mr. Fulcher was extremely popular with everyone with whom he came into contact, and he will be greatly missed. In his younger days, Mr. Fulcher was a most amusing entertainer, being a singer of repute. He was also very musical.

He had acted as British Vice-Consul in Cebu, and had a great many friends in the Philippine Islands.

Fond of Games.

Mr. Fulcher was fond of tennis and golf, and was a member of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, and the Tatched House Club, London. He was unmarried.

Out of respect to Mr. Fulcher, the Stock Exchange is closed for half a day to-day, and the flag at the Hong Kong Club is being flown at half-mast.

The funeral will take place this afternoon, the cortege passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

FRESH AND FINE.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The anti-cyclone is central over the Yangtze Valley.

Fresh monsoon prevails along the S.E. Coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds; fresh; fine.

Rainfall.

Rainfall, to 10 a.m. to-day nil. Rainfall since January 1, 0.11 inch against an average of 0.58.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong 55
Macao 52
Prata Island 65
Manila 74
Ponchoy 46
Amoy 46
Swatow 48
Chefoo 34
Shanghai 28

ROBBERS' APPETITE.

NOT IMPAIRED BY THEIR CONSCIENCES.

BONHAM ROAD CASE.

In connection with the armed robbery at 62a, Bonham Road, second floor, where the robbers are alleged to have had a hearty meal and stayed the night, Lo Kit (44), stated to be a building sub-contractor, was this morning brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy charged with the larceny of a watch, three gold finger rings, and eight pieces of clothing, to the total value of \$340.

Detective Sergeant W. E. Meadows appeared for the prosecution and applied for a remand of 48 hours which was granted.

CAMPAIGN OF ARSON.

NEARLY 19,000,000 LBS. OF SUGAR CANE BURNED.

DUE TO INCENDIARISM.

Havana, Yesterday.

Nearly 19,000,000 lbs. of sugar cane were burned yesterday in Matanzas, one of the Havana Provinces, and is attributed to incendiary. This is the largest conflagration in Havana for years.—Reuter's American Service.

[Cuba is the largest sugar-producer in the world, and the sugar crop in 1929 was 51,156,159 tons. Plantations cover 1,600,000 acres.]

PRELATE TO REST.

SUFFERING FROM SEVERE BOUT OF NEURALGIA.

DUE TO OVERWORK.

London, Yesterday. It is officially announced that His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury has been ordered at least three months' rest. He is suffering from severe neuralgia, due to overwork.—Reuter.

SOLDIER DROWNED.

FUNERAL OF PTE. MARSHALL TO-DAY.

The body of Private John Marshall, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who fell into the Kowloon Reservoir while out on a cross-country run on Friday last, was recovered on Saturday afternoon. The funeral is expected to take place at Happy Valley this afternoon.

BRITISH POLICY

NEW FORCES ANIMATING INDIAN THOUGHT.

Rugby, Yesterday.

At the Final Plenary Session of the Round Table Conference to-morrow the Prime Minister will make a statement of the Government Policy. Lord Reading and Lord Peel will also speak. According to the Observer, "As Macdonald will only indicate the broad lines of the Government's Bill, Lord Peel is not expected to give more than provisional and limited approval to the declaration."

Viceroy, Lord Irwin, referred to the Round Table Conference in his speech at the opening of the Legislative Assembly at Delhi yesterday. He said: "Great Britain has realised as she has heard it at first hand from all sections of the Indian Delegation something of the new forces that are animating the political thought of India."

He described the Conference as the turning point of the constitutional history of India.—British Wireless Service.

RESTAURANT FIRE.

DAMAGE DONE TO EXTENT OF \$3,000.

Although confined only to the cockpit of 374, Shanghai Street, (the Hop Yee Hang Restaurant) a fire which broke out there did damage to the extent of \$3,000. The cause of the outbreak is unknown, and the premises are insured.

During the outbreak, Lal King-chuen, master of the Tak Yee tea-shop, has reported to the Police, some person entered his cubicle, and after ransacking it, got away with money and jewellery to the value of \$1,170.

FELIX VILLAS

MURDER.

Houseboy on Capital Charge.

THREE TERRIBLE WOUNDS.

At the Assizes this morning, before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. J. R. Wood, the trial commenced of Chu Sui-mul, a Shanghai man who is charged with the murder of Chan Yee, a houseboy employed at 9, Felix Villas, in the early hours of Saturday, December 12.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy prosecuted for the Crown, and defendant was represented by Mr. Leo d'Almada Junr., instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master. The jury empanelled consisted of Messrs. John Gardner (foreman), W. J. Brown, O. A. Smith, R. E. MacDougall, A. Hyde-Lay, D. H. Cooper, and M. J. Bull.

Mr. Fitzroy, opening his case, briefly described the lay-out of the premises at 9, Felix Villas, as shown on plans put in. He explained that there was a yard at the rear of the house which faced on a scavenging lane. There were two doors opening into the yard, whilst entrance to the house had to be made through the kitchen door. It was easy for anybody to get into the yard, however, without coming through the door, as it was possible to climb over the wall, and then drop down.

On the night in question, evidence would be brought to show that both doors, or gates, to the yard, were closed, bolted, and barred. Hence entrance could only be made by climbing over the wall. The doors communicating with the house were also locked, and entrance to this part of the premises must therefore have been through the yard.

Possessed of A Key.

The victim slept with his wife in a small room on the left of the kitchen. It was noteworthy, added counsel, that all the locks were of a uniform pattern, and one key would open them all. The Crown's case was that someone climbed over the wall, and opened the kitchen door with a key that he had in his possession. In this connection, the key to the kitchen door was bent, and could only be used from the inside. To open the door with it would be necessary for anyone to put their hand through a nearby window, and use the key from the inside. On the night in question the key was lying on a bed out of reach of the window. It could not possibly have been used, and therefore the door must have been opened by somebody who already had a key on his person.

Continuing, counsel said that the door to the yard at the back, which had been bolted the same night, was found open after the crime. It was evident that whoever committed the murder escaped that way. Prisoner had at one time been the principal boy in the house, and after the arrival of the other man there had been a certain amount of friction, and at one time a free fight between them. Eventually the owner discharged the prisoner, on September 31, but he had visited the premises from time to time after that.

"All Was Silence."

On the night of the murder the victim and his wife woke up a little after 4 a.m. They got up for a few minutes, and then returned to bed. About 5 o'clock the wife would state that her husband got up again. She heard a voice outside, which she did not recognise. Her husband unlocked their room door, and went to switch on the light outside. In the passage the next thing was her hearing him cry out "Ai Yah, Ai Yah." Then all was silence.

Direct Evidence.

The woman then looked out into the passage. She saw a man standing by the side of the door. He was wearing a white jacket, white trousers with a dark stripe, white socks and dark shoes. She was able to recognise him, as she knew the man. It was the prisoner. "There is thus absolutely direct evidence that he was there, and apparently no-one else," said Mr. Fitzroy. "The woman was only eight or nine feet away, and she had known him for months and months. He was not a stranger, but someone she actually knew, and whom there is no question as to her being able to identify."

TURKISH TYPISTS

INCINERATED.

Trapped in Blazing Store in Constantinople.

MANY ASPHYXIATED.

Constantinople, Yesterday. Over a score of persons were trapped in a blazing building comprising commercial offices and a cinema film store in the centre of the commercial district.

Seven were incinerated, three asphyxiated, and 14 seriously injured, four of whom were mangled whilst jumping out of windows. The casualties include many typists and work girls.—Reuter.

counsel went on, evidence would show that prisoner slept at 28, Kennedy Road. He got up during the night, waking other men in the room, one of whom saw him put on his shoes and socks. He came back later on, and then went out once more. He was not seen again until about 7 a.m., in the yard at Kennedy Road. He was then arrested. Counsel suggested that there was a probability of his having gone to Felix Villas in that time, and committed the murder.

After describing the wounds, counsel replying to His Lordship, said that no weapon was recovered. It was hardly likely that any assailant could have concealed himself in the house.

The Fatal Blow.

Medical evidence given by Dr. G. V. A. Griffiths, showed that the dead man had abrasions on the face, hands, and neck. His opinion was that the wounds on the hands might have been caused by grasping a knife. The palm of the right hand was deeply cut, and the top of the little finger of the left hand completely severed. There were three main wounds. The first ran backwards along the right side of the neck, ending in the spinal column, cutting through the external portion of the jugular vein. The second wound was at the back of the left shoulder and base of the neck. It penetrated inwards to the left lung. The third main wound was 5 1/2 inch deep. It was above and to the left of the left nipple, and went completely through the heart, ending at the diaphragm.

Answering Mr. Fitzroy, witness said that the heart wound would almost certainly cause the immediate collapse of the victim. He might lurch a few steps, that was all. It was not possible definitely to state whether the blows were struck with the right or the left hand.

Might Have Called Out.

Cross-examined by Mr. d'Almada, witness said he thought the man could not have remained standing more than a minute after the blow through the heart. It would be possible for him in that time to groan or cry out. It was highly improbable that he could call out two minutes later. The tendency would be for him to double up under the blow, which must have been struck with very great force. All the wounds were apparently made by the same sharp instrument. If the wounds were inflicted from the front, the assailant would be right-handed. He was of opinion the victim had tried to defend himself, and possibly seized the weapon, thus getting his hands cut.

By Mr. Fitzroy: The assailant might have struck the blows without any blood spurting upon him.

Widow's Story.

Li Yah-wun, widow of the murdered man, then gave corroborative evidence. She said she last saw accused previous to the murder, on November 24, at 9, Felix Villas. Describing the events on the night in question, she said that her husband got up about 5 a.m. He unlocked the door, and was in the act of switching on the light outside, when she saw him disappear from view, with a cry of "Ai Yah." The light was not switched on, as he had no time before he was struck. She then saw accused in the doorway, holding a knife in his left hand, and looking backwards, as if at the prostrate man.

Witness described the man's clothes and general appearance. She added that she waited until 7 a.m. when she ran outside, and raised an alarm. Her husband, she found lying doubled up in the passage outside. The case is proceeding.

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19	7.05	6.02
20	7.05	6.03
21	7.05	6.04
22	7.05	6.04
23	7.05	6.05
24	7.05	6.06
25	7.05	6.06
26	7.05	6.07
27	7.04	6.07
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29	7.04	6.10
30	7.03	6.10
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28th February, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 7th March, 1931

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ST. STEPHEN'S.**VISIT OF A CHINESE
STATSMEN.****PRIZE-GIVING.**

In the presence of a large number of guests in the School Hall, the Hon. Dr. Foo Ping-sheung, LL.D., B.Sc., distributed the prizes at the annual prize giving of St. Stephen's College, at Stanley on Saturday afternoon.

The Hon. Dr. S. W. T'so, O.B.E., LL.D., presided, and was supported on the platform, among others, by the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, the Hon. Mr. Paul Laufer, and Messrs. Mok Kon-sang, Li Hoi-tung and Tang Shiu-kin.

The proceedings opened with a prayer by the Rev. G. K. Carpenter, after which the Hon. Dr. T'so read a letter from the Bishop of Victoria, who regretted his inability to attend. Dr. T'so said that before he asked the Warden to present his report, he would like on behalf of the College Council and those present, to extend a hearty welcome to the Hon. Dr. Foo Ping-sheung, who, the speaker declared, was an old student of the College and a brilliant scholar. (Applause).

Successful Statesman.
He was now a successful statesman and his latest achievement was the codification of the new Civil Code of China. The School and University, said Dr. T'so, were very proud of Dr. Foo, and they were very pleased to have him there that afternoon, which would remind Dr. Foo of the days of old. The speaker wished him every success in his career. (Applause).

Not "Monsters."
Addressing the gathering, the Hon. Dr. Foo Ping-sheung said that he had a few remarks to make, and the first was that he was very impressed by the new school buildings, with its fine surroundings. He was also much impressed by the spirit of the school. He always thought of St. Stephen's College as being different from other schools in that respect.

The Staff of the College, had always showed a fatherly interest in the boys, who looked on the masters as sympathetic friends and not as "horrible monsters." The boys, declared the speaker, were among the most disciplined citizens of China. (Applause).

In 1918, Dr. Foo said, he was a master of the College, and taught for two years, and he declared that his connection with the boys had been the most pleasant in his life.

He concluded by thanking the gathering for honouring him that afternoon. (Applause).

Tea was served in the New Hostel, and the guests afterwards inspected the various buildings and the grounds, particular interest being shown in the tennis and other sports in which the students were celebrating their Prize-day.

Complimentary Dinner.
A complimentary dinner to Hon. Dr. Foo Ping-sheung, LL.D., was given by Old Boys of St. Stephen's College in the Hong Kong Hotel on Saturday night.

Mr. Li Hoi Tung, J.P., presided and proposed the toast of the Guest of the evening. Dr. Foo Ping-sheung replied in a happy speech addressed to his old school fellows.

Mr. Li Chor Chi proposed the health of the College Council to which Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton responded.

LESSON SERMON.**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,
SCIENTIST, HONG KONG.**

"Life" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, January 18.

The Golden Text was:—"If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." (Matthew 19: 17). Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible:—"Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?" (1 Peter 3: 8, 10, 13).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy:—"In Science, all being is eternal, spiritual, perfect, harmonious in every action. Let the perfect model be present in your thoughts instead of its demoralized opposite. This spiritualization of thought lets in the light, and brings the divine Mind. Life not death; into your consciousness." (p. 407).

INDIAN PARLEY.**PREMIER'S STATEMENT TO
CLOSE THE SESSION.****LIBERAL'S SUPPORT.**

Rugby, Saturday.
The final plenary session of the Indian Round Table Conference, which began yesterday afternoon, will be resumed on Monday morning. The statement of the Government policy, which will bring the Conference to a close, will be made by the Prime Minister on Monday afternoon.

The delegates are fulfilling their social engagements during the week-end. A dinner will be given to the Indian delegates at the House of Commons by prominent members of the Liberal Parliamentary Party on Tuesday. It is understood that Mr. Lloyd George will make it clear that in supporting the policy of responsibility at the centre, Lord Reading was speaking for the whole Party. Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, Mr. Jinnah, and Mr. Sastri will also speak—British Wireless Service.

New Delhi, Saturday.
Sir Ibrahim Rahimtullah has been elected President of the Assembly, thus defeating his Hindu opponent Sir Hari Singh Gour by 86 votes to 86. Sir Ibrahim Rahimtullah was supported by the Government on the ground that the President, for this session should be a Moslem.—Reuter.

MEXICO 'QUAKE.**FURTHER CASUALTIES OCCUR
NEAR OAXACA.****DEATH ROLL 48.**

Mexico City, Saturday.
Fourteen earthquake shocks have been felt in the affected area in South Mexico since the first great shock on January 15. Twenty persons are reported to have been killed at Misantlan, 100 miles south of Oaxaca, where the death roll yesterday was 48.—Reuter's American Service.

AFRICAN AIR MAIL.**FIRST OF LARGE LINERS LEAVES
CROYDON.****ROUTE OF 8,000 MILES.**

Rugby, Saturday.
The first of the large liners to be used on the North African section of the Imperial Airways 8,000 miles London to Capetown airway left Croydon to-day for Egypt in readiness for the opening of the service on March 15.—British Wireless Service.

CONGRESS RIOTS.**OVER 260 PERSONS SENT TO
HOSPITAL.****SITUATION NOW NORMAL.**

Bombay, Saturday.
After further Police lathi charges the situation has become normal, and the military have withdrawn from Congress disturbances. The hospitals' report treating 261 persons, of whom 55 are seriously injured.—Reuter.

ARMY COMMAND.**APPOINTMENT OF SIR CHARLES
HARRINGTON.**

Rugby, Saturday.
General Sir Charles Harrington, K.C.B., D.S.O., has been appointed General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Aldershot Command, with effect from June 30 next. Lieutenant-General Sir Torquill Matheson, K.C.B., has been appointed General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Command, India, in succession to Sir Charles Harrington.—British Wireless Service.

POOR RECEPTION!**JAIL AND BIRCH FOR A
BANISHEE.**

Tsot Young, returned banishee, appeared before Mr. Butters at the Kowloon Magistracy Saturday charged with returning from banishment before expiry of the time, and larceny.
Inspector Clarke said accused stole a rattan basket, a leather hand-bag and four pieces of clothing from No. 25, Ashley Road, ground floor, the property of Pang Fong, an amah.
Accused was banished for 10 years on January 12, this year.
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5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Stock Quotations.
7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

7-4.45 p.m.—Schubert's Quartet in D Minor (Death and the Maiden). These Records have been kindly loaned by a Listener.
7.45-8.20 p.m.—Musical Comedy. The Cobbler's Song (from "Chu-Chin-Chow").

Jamieson Dods, Baritone (659).
Chu-Chin-Chow—Vocal Gems, Columbia Vocal Gem Co. (659).

No. No. Nanette—Vocal Gems, Columbia Vocal Gem Co. (659).
Clowns in Clover—Selections, Piccadilly Revels' Band (9295).

The Girl Friend—Vocal Gems, Peggy Ann—Vocal Gems, Columbia Light Opera Co. (9297).

8.20-9 p.m.—A Concert.
Chorus—The Imprisoned Cossacks (Nietschensky), Signal March of the Cavalry (Koletilin), The Don Cossacks Choir (9154).

Song—Comin' Thro' the Rye, Doris Vane, Soprano, (9176).
Octet—Hungarian Rhapsody No. 1 in F (Last arr. Sær), J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (9209).

Song—The Erl King (Schubert), The Enchantress (Cherley & Hatton), Muriel Brunskill, Contralto (9088).

Cello Solo—Adagio (Bach-Silotti), Arliso (Bach), Antonio Sala (9103).
9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local Time, etc.

9.05-9.30 p.m.—Operatic. The Bohemian Girl—Overture (Balfe).
B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra (9180).

The Beggar's Opera—Selections (Gay-Austins), H.M. Grenadier Guards' Band (927).

The Barber of Seville—Overture (Rossini), B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra (9105).

9.30-10 p.m.—Organ Solos and Octets.
Octet—Memories of Devon (Evans), Collette (Fraser-Simon), J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (9123).

Organ Solo—Lohengrin—Bridal March (Wagner), Quentin M. Maclean (298).

Octet—Prelude in C Sharp Minor (Rachmaninoff arr. Sær), J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (9123).

Organ Solo—Classics—Selections (arr. Ewing), Quentin M. Maclean (5225).
10-10.30 p.m.—Experimental Relay.

God Save The King.
10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

VACCINATION.**ST. JOHN AMBULANCE
BRIDGE'S WORK.**

The number vaccinated—free of charge—by members of the Ambulance Brigade, up to and including Thursday, January 15, is:—
Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division (Hong Kong) 5,209
King's College Division (Old Boys) 843
King's College Division (Present Boys) 10,204
Railway Division 1,711
Indian Division 3,648
Kowloon Division 9,594
Mongkok Division 19,850
Motor Drivers' Division 1,481
Shaikwan Division 1,018
Un Long Division 608
St. Joseph's College Division 461
Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division (Kowloon) 10,211
Victoria Nursing Division 155
Y.W.C.A. Nursing Division 159
Chinese Athletic Association Division 1,268
Total 67,341
Note.—The severe cold has reduced the number of persons vaccinated for the week to 1,008.

WATER RETURN.

The level and storage of water in our reservoirs on January 1, 1931, is as under:—

City and Hill District.	1930	1931
Tydam 15' 2" B	23' 8" B	
Tydam Byewash 19' 2" B	21' 4" B	
Tydam Intermediate 0' 2" B	0' 2" B	
Tydam Tuk 13' 11" B	17' 1" B	
Wong Nei Chung 19' 1" B	17' 8" B	
Pokfulum 10' 11" B	17' 1" B	

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow", A. denotes "Above Overflow", L. denotes "Level with Overflow".]
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1930	1931
Tydam 296.00	212.98	
Tydam Byewash 3.03	2.13	
Tydam Intermediate 192.65	194.09	
Tydam Tuk 757.42	1,035.33	
Wong Nei Chung 10.55	11.65	
Pokfulum 42.38	29.94	

Total 1,201.03 1,487.04
Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1929	1930
Consumption 210.64	276.89	
Estimated population 438,580	448,500	
Consumption per head per day 15.5	19.9	

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HIKAWA MARU	Thursday	12th February.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.		
KATORI MARU	Saturday	24th January.
KASHIMA MARU	Saturday	7th February.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.		
KAMO MARU	Thursday	22nd January.
KITANO MARU	Thursday	19th February.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.		
TOTTORI MARU	Tuesday	27th January.
YAMAGATA MARU	Friday	30th January.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.		
GINYO MARU	Sunday	1st February.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.		
KAWACHI MARU	Saturday	21st February.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.		
TATAGO MARU	Friday	6th February.
TAKETOYO MARU	Sunday	1st March.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Suez (Constantinople), Genoa.		
DELAGO MARU	Sunday	16th February.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.		
RANGOON MARU	Thursday	29th January.
NAGATO MARU	Saturday	7th February.
SHANGHAI, KORE & YOKOHAMA.		
HAIONE MARU	Friday	23rd January.
HAKODATE MARU	Wednesday	28th January.
KAGA MARU	Thursday	29th January.

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BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.	Borneo Maru	Wed.	21st Jan.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA via Singapore & Colombo.	Chicago Maru	Thurs.	5th Feb.
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.	Molbourne Maru	Wed.	4th Feb.
CALCUTTA via Singapore & Rangoon.	Himalaya Maru	Tues.	20th Jan.
	Seattle Maru	Sunday	1st Feb.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Japan Ports.	Africa Maru (From Shanghai)	Sat.	24th Jan.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Sanyo Maru	Sat.	7th Feb.
JAPAN PORTS (Freight Service).	Tacoma Maru	Sun.	25th Jan.
HAIPHONG via Haiphong & Pakhoi (Fortnightly).	Menado Maru	Thurs.	22nd Jan.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (Every Sunday Noon).	Hosan Maru	Sun.	25th Jan.
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Canton Maru	Sun.	1st Feb.
	Deli Maru	Thurs.	29th Jan.

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WARSHIPS' VISIT TO SINGAPORE.

Twelve Aircraft Escort
H.M.S. Kent.

Escorted by twelve aircraft, the two British warships H.M.S. Kent and H.M.S. Petersfield arrived in Singapore recently from Bangkok. H.M.S. Kent (Captain B. H. Ramsay, M.V.O.) was the first to arrive and came alongside No. 8 wharf at 8 a.m., when a salute was fired. H.M.S. Petersfield (Commander F. A. C. Baker), arrived a little later. Admiral Sir Arthur K. Wastell, Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, called at Government House and H. E. the Officer Administering the Government returned the visit by going aboard H.M.S. Kent, the Admiral's flagship.

The aircraft escorting the cruiser Kent and the Petersfield, which is a minesweeper and tender to the Kent, were three flying boats and six Hawker Horsley bombers from Seletar and three Fairey machines from H.M.S. Hermes, the aircraft carrier now at Singapore on her way to Hong Kong.

Admiral Wastell dined at Flagstaff House with Major-General H. L. Pritchard, Officer Commanding the Troops, Malaya.

The list of arrangements for the warships' visit was as follows:—
Saturday, December 27: Dance on board H.M.S. Kent.

Monday, December 29: Dinner at Colonial Secretary's House (H.E. the Officer Administering the Government) followed by dance.

Thursday, January 1: H.M.S. Petersfield with H. E. the Commander-in-Chief leaves.

Saturday, January 3: H.M.S. Kent sails.

H.E. the Commander-in-Chief and Lady Wastell are staying with H.E. the Officer Administering the Government during the visit of H.M.S. Kent.

The British transport Nevasa (Captain W. R. Steadman) arrived in Singapore from Southampton on its way to Shanghai via Hong Kong with troops for the Eastern stations. Those for Singapore include Lieut. W. B. and Mrs. Tristram, 2nd/Lieut. G. H. Billson, Flight-Lieut. F. L. Hopps, A.F.C. (from Southampton), Captain and Mrs. R. Nich, Mrs. More and child and nurse (from Gibraltar), Lt.-Col. and Mrs. H. Harding and Mrs. M. E. Davies (from Colombo).

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Berwick—North arm.
Cornflower—in dock
Cumberland—No. 3 buoy.
Herald—South wall.
Iroquois—North wall.
Medway—West wall.
Odin—West wall.
Oswald—in dock.
Osiris—in dock.
Otus—West wall.
Sandwich—No. 13 buoy.
Foreign Men-of-War.
Argus—French gunboat.
Helena—American gunboat.

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REDUCTION DUE TO 'BUS COMPETITION.
NEW POLICY.

For some time the operators of passenger 'buses or stages have been making serious inroads into the revenue of the railways of the United States, particularly on the short runs, and more recently this bus competition has been very seriously affecting the trans-Continental railway lines. The railways have been considering various schemes for meeting this situation and have finally determined to meet it by cutting the fares in such a way as to appeal to those who are now utilizing the buses, i.e. those who are willing to sacrifice some luxury and perhaps even a good deal of comfort in order to save money.

Accordingly it has been announced by the Great Northern, C.M. St. P. and P., Union Pacific and Northern Pacific Railways that effective January 1, the following drastic reductions will apply between Pacific ports (Seattle, Vancouver, Tacoma, Portland) and St. Paul-Minneapolis and Chicago:

Seattle, etc., to St. Paul and Minneapolis, tickets good for passage only in day coaches (One way), \$40.

Seattle, etc., to Chicago, tickets good for passage only in day coaches (one way), \$50.

Seattle, etc., to St. Paul and Minneapolis, tickets good for passage in tourist sleeper, (berth fare additional), (one way), \$63.

Seattle, etc., to Chicago, tickets good for passage in tourist sleeper, (berth fare additional) (one way), \$65.

Stopover privileges on these tickets will be same as now allowed on one-way first class tickets, but from baggage allowance will be 100 lbs. These fares will apply in both directions and will be maximum fares for these classes between intermediate points where normal one-way fare is higher.

The regular first-class fare carrying privilege of travelling in standard pullman sleepers remains the same (to Chicago \$77.21 plus berth).

We might add that we understand from our rail friends that the Santa Fe is putting in similar fares from San Francisco, effective January 1st.

The above reduced fares are being put in for a six months trial period only, at the end of which period, they will no doubt be extended if the increase of business warrants.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Friday, January 16.
Chenai, British str., 1,355 tons, Capt. J. Newton, from Amoy, buoy No. B9—B. & S.
Pres. Jackson, American str., 8,377 tons, Capt. John Griffith, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf—A.M.L.
Steel Engineer, American str., 3,450 tons, Capt. G. L. Evans, from Shanghai, buoy No. A11—Bank Line.

Wing Lee, Portuguese str., 641 tons, Capt. J. Autunes, from K. C. Wan, buoy No. B19—Woo Hop & Co.

Saturday, January 17.
Akita Maru, Japanese str., 2,315 tons, Captain K. Iroba, from Sakito, Kowloon Wharf—N.Y.K.

Canton, French str., 976 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, buoy No. C4—M. M.

Feng Lee, Chinese str., 1,259 tons, Capt. Y. Yamaji, from Canton, buoy No. B21—Loong Tai Hong.

Foo Shing, British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. W. Allan Balch, from Canton, buoy No. B1—J. M. & Co.

Golden Mountain, American str., 3,792 tons, Capt. H. E. Hansen, from Manila, buoy No. A7—States S.S. Co.

Hai Hing, British str., 1,445 tons, Capt. G. Hamre, from Holmow, buoy No. B8—Thoresen & Co.

Hupei, British str., 1,205 tons, Capt. J. W. Jenkins, from Swatow, buoy No. B20—B. & S.

Hydrangea, British str., 551 tons, Capt. P. W. Grierson, from Swatow, Chiu On Wharf—J.C.I.

My ship has come in. She is only a tramp, a small weekly boat, adventuring from port to port, wherever she can pick up a cargo. If you a ship means a gigantic luxury liner, or a whitewinged yacht at Coves, you may not think much of the little Corinia, but to me she is much more of a ship than any palatial floating hotel.

Week by week I follow her movements in the Shipping List, and when she is due at Millwall or the Pool I am always there to greet her. Her skipper is an old man now, but has he not always been old! Even when I, a small and curious girl in a sailor suit, first made friends with him on the little quay at home he seemed some Methuselah of the sea.

Outside, the docks are shrouded in a damp grey mist, but in the little cabin, under the bridge of the Corinia an oil lamp is burning shedding a cheerful glow into the dark corners, and lighting up the face of the old seaman as he sits puffing at his pipe. Then there is talk—good talk, spiced with the tang of the sea, and of other, stranger, ports than ours.

And then we speak of those proudly gracious ships of other days—the Taranaki, The Wild Duck, or the Flying Cloud, for the old man knew them all, and many others, in which he had sailed in those days when London River was a-wing with canvas.

Then, when Piccadilly is blinking into light, and the Wardour Street teashops are filling with the matinee crowds, we, too, have tea. Strong, sweet tea, in thick enamel cups, and mince-pie made by the ship's cook in honour of my visit.

"Six o'clock," says the skipper suddenly, "I'll see you to the gate—this is no place for you after dark."

Somewhere in a West End restaurant a band is playing. Couples walk sedately up and down the floor to the accompaniment of the latest American dance tune. "Have a good time this afternoon—where did you go?" inquires my partner. "Callao, by way of Montserrat and Balboa," I murmur vaguely through the din. He laughs: "I thought you were going down to the East End somewhere!"

A nice young man, but strangely undiscerning.—The Evening News.

Chiu On & Co.
Nanning, British str., 1,484 tons, Capt. C. Carrington, from Swatow, buoy No. B2—B. & S.
Taika Maru, Japanese str., 2,469 tons, Captain C. Kitani, from Kotabaru, buoy No. B27—Hidaka & Co.
Tonkon, French str., 906 tons, Capt. J. Bounamour, from Port Bayard, buoy No. C2—M. M.

Sunday, Jan. 18.
Benalder, British str., 3,047 tons, Capt. B. Dawson, from Sinking, Kowloon Wharf—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

Cheikang, British str., 1,315 tons, Capt. J. Maley, from Wuhu, Stonecutters Anchorage—B. & S.

Haiyang, British str., 1,363 tons, Capt. W. G. Erwin, from Foochow and ports—Douglas Wharf—Douglas & Co.

Huichow, British str., 1,222 tons, Captain D. D. Richard, from Chefoo, buoy No. B3—B. & S.

Kinsan Maru, Japanese str., 2,933 tons, Capt. Inaba, from Sakito, buoy No. B28—M.S.K.

Menado Maru, Japanese str., 1,285 tons, Capt. T. Kawamata, from Haiphong, O.S.K. Wharf—O.S.K.

Michael Jensen, Danish str., 1,345 tons, Capt. H. Inland, from Singapore, buoy No. C5—Jensen & Co.

Shua Lee, Chinese str., 949 tons, Capt. B. Miyasaka, from Chefoo, buoy No. B21—Yee Tai Hong.

Sinkiang, British str., 1,616 tons, Capt. C. H. Jones, from Swatow, buoy No. B9—B. & S.

Tjikini, Dutch str., 3,014 tons, Capt. L. A. Willemse, from Pasuruan, buoy No. A9—J.C.I.

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'EXCEPTIONAL MERIT' OF GYRO COMPASS.

Patents Extension for
Ten Years.

LITIGATION LOSSES.

An extension for ten years, the maximum extension allowed by the Patents Act, was granted by Mr. Justice Luxmoor in the Chancery Division to Mr. Sidney George Brown, electrical engineer, and managing director of S. G. Brown, Ltd., for two patents on the Register relating to a gyro compass for use on ships. Of the two patents, the first, it was stated, was taken out in the year the war began, and the second in 1916 by Mr. Brown in the joint names of the late Professor John Perry and himself. The ground for asking for extension was that not only had the applicant not been adequately remunerated, but he had suffered loss calculated at £18,274.

As will be remembered by readers of The Journal of Commerce between 1923 and 1926 Mr. Brown was engaged in litigation against the Sperry Gyroscope Co. of America, which resulted in his patent being held valid, but also in a decision that the Sperry compass did not infringe the Brown and Perry patents. Mr. Trevor Watson, K.C., for Mr. Brown, said that over that litigation £28,000 was lost, and no part of the £18,274 was included in the sum. The Admiralty had accepted two or three Brown gyroscopic compasses, and were satisfied with them.

In the witness box, Mr. Brown said the compass would not vary more than one degree from the true north in any weather.

Benefit To Public.

When Mr. Stafford Crossman, for the Controller of Patents, suggested that five years' extension was long enough to give, the judge said he did not agree. He should, he said, grant the full term. He considered the invention was of exceptional merit and of exceptional benefit to the public, in that it made navigation easier and safer. The loss sustained by the patentee was not likely to be wiped out, and a remuneration adequate to the skill of the in-

ventor received, unless the term was extended for a considerable time. The first patent having expired there would be a regret for ten years, and for the second patent, which did not expire until August, 1932, there would be an extension for ten years also.

Mr. Justice Luxmoor observed that the money spent on the litigation was not all lost, as it established the applicant's patent.

Mr. Watson said Mr. Brown had been the beneficial owner of the patents for their entire period, and in 1916 formed S. G. Brown, Ltd., which manufactured all kinds of electrical and scientific instruments such as telegraph relay wireless apparatus. The Brown telegraph relay was world famous. The second patent here in question was made secret by the Admiralty and never published till 1919. No compasses through Government control could be sold until 1920. The value of the sales for 1928 and 1929 was £10,839 and £15,782; the amount of sales for 10 years was £27,842. The entire world field of gyroscopic compasses was divided between the Sperry Co., Mr. Brown and his company, and the Anschütz Co. of Germany.

The judge said there was no doubt about the merits of the invention, which was an extremely ingenious one. Not only was it highly ingenious, but it related to the most recondite subject, and could only be produced by highly-trained engineers and by mathematical skill. Its merit from the navigational point of view was obvious. Gyro-compasses were expensive to make, and the classes which would require to buy them must necessarily be limited.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS

The Ben Lian s.s. Benroch from Middlebro', Antwerp, London and Straits left Singapore for this port on January 18, and is due to arrive here on January 24.

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The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Australia (round-the-world cruise) arrived at Bombay on January 10, left Bombay on January 17, at 8 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on February 14 at 8 a.m. She leaves Hong Kong on February 17 at 10 p.m.

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DEATH.

FULCHER.—On January 19, 1931,
at the Government Hospital,
Kowloon, Charles Augustin,
aged 62.

Hong Kong, Monday, Jan. 19, 1931.

Postal Work in China.

In spite of the internecine war-
fare existing throughout the
country, the Chinese Postal
authorities, in meeting these ad-
verse circumstances, succeeded
in maintaining the efficiency of
the Service throughout the year.

This is an achievement as
puzzling as it is admirable, and
we take off our hats to the Nan-
king Government for so ably
steering a way through the
chaos for the operations of its
postmen without untoward in-
cident or undue loss. There was
actually an improvement in the
Service during the latter part of
the year, which accounts for an
increase of over ten per cent. of
mail matter posted over the total
for 1927 and, at the same time,
by dint of the strictest economy,
the financial deficit was reduced
to \$35,000, as compared with
\$811,000 for the previous year.

According to the official report
of the Post Office of China for the
seventeenth year of Chung-hua,
Min-Kuo (1928) which is now
published, the success of the
Nationalist troops along the
Yangtze, culminating in the cap-
ture of Shanghai early in 1927,
made it impossible for the
Southern Postal districts to re-
main under the control of the
Directorate. At that time, when
the minds of the people were in a
state of uncertainty and sporadic

labour trouble still existed, any
disorganisation in the Postal Ser-
vice would have had an ad-
verse effect generally. In order
to facilitate supervision of postal
affairs in those places already
reached by the Nationalist troops,
and to maintain the discipline and
efficiency of the staff, a Director-
ate was established at Nanking
by the Nationalist Ministry of
Communications on November 1,
1927, to take charge of postal
interests in the areas under the
jurisdiction of the Nationalist
Government. With a view to
maintaining its integrity as a
National service, negotiations
were conducted with the Peking
Directorate which resulted in the
signing of an agreement of
seventeen articles on February 6,
1928, in Shanghai, by representa-
tives of both sides, for the joint
control of the whole Service
under a system of mutual refer-
ence and collaboration.

The Director General, who had
hitherto taken no part in the
work of the Post Office, assumed
full responsibility for all its deal-
ings. More Chinese Commission-
ers were selected to work jointly
with foreign Commissioners. The
grades and ranks of all employees,
some 30,000 in number, were re-
vised from October 1 with the re-
sult that the privileges of the up-
per ranks were reduced and the
conditions and prospects of the
middle and lower categories great-
ly improved. Certain ranks were
amalgamated in order to avoid
any class feeling between them.

Employees, whether Chinese or
foreigners, who, through old age
or other cause, were judged un-
suitable to meet the strenuous
conditions now facing the Service,
were paid off under favourable
conditions, thus making way for
the advancement of capable men.
The regulations governing entry
into the Service, the granting of
leave, and the issue of compen-
sation allowances, were revised.
The retiring allowance system
was replaced by one of annual
gratuities. The status of each of
the 2,300 Sub-ordinate Offices
was the subject of careful study,
and a general reclassification
under new divisions effected by
which the anomalous standing of
certain Offices was remedied and
fully qualified employees of rank
appropriate to their incumbencies
appointed to take charge. Im-
proved conditions made it possi-
ble to relax certain measures,
taken the previous year with a
view to economy, which entailed
closing or reducing in status some
establishments, and the curtail-
ment or complete suspension of
certain overland mail connections.

From the start of the North-
ern Expedition till the fall of
Peking, railway services were
continually interrupted and the
smooth working of mail connec-
tions was rendered impossible.
Lawless elements caused distur-
bances in most provinces and the
Postal staff suffered severely. No
less than 15 Couriers met their
death at the hands of brigands
and four more, believed to be kill-
ed, disappeared.

Forty-seven were wounded and
411 attacked by bandits. The
staff of the Tsinan (Kansu) Office,
Postmaster, Postman, and Cour-
ier, were hacked to pieces by
Moslem rebels in retreat, while a
Postmaster, two Rural Postmen,
and three Couriers in Hupeh and
one Postman in Kiangsi were
murdered by Communists. Six
members of the staff were kid-
napped, including three Post-
masters. Twenty-one Postal es-
tablishments are reported as hav-
ing been burnt, and 557 looted.
Nearly every district experienced
critical periods when law and
order were set at naught. During
such times services were main-
tained by the best available
means. The most serious inter-
ruption was caused by a four
days' strike of the middle and
lower ranks of the Shanghai
Office. The senior staff, with the
willing help of Chinese and for-
eign boy scouts, maintained a
skeleton service, only the parcel
and money order branches being
entirely suspended.

Again, we say, hats off to the
Postal authorities of China!

News in Brief.

Hon. Mr. S. W. Tso will present
the prizes at the Yumati School on
Friday at 11 a.m.

Chiu Fat, an earth cooler, who
fell off a moving motor lorry in
Kowloon Tong on January 17, died
in the Kowloon Hospital at 10.15
a.m. yesterday.

Li See-mui, a Chinese woman,
was fined \$60 or five weeks at the
Kowloon Magistracy to-day, for
keeping a house of ill-fame at No.
30, Nanking Street, first floor.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Hong
Kong Boy Scouts Association ac-
knowledges with grateful thanks
the receipt of \$100 from His Ex-
cellency the Governor towards the
Saiwan Camp Fund.

One month's imprisonment was
imposed on Tang Shing who, on
January 18, stole a serge jacket and
a cotton cardigan from 117 and
112 Shanghai Street, property of
Pun Ngan, shop coolie.

A watch reported to have been
stolen from the H.M.S. Tamar on
January 6, has been found to be the
property of Surg-Lieut. Dowling.
His servant found the watch in the
owner's own coat pocket!

Sentence of two months' im-
prisonment was imposed on Ng Choi,
an unemployed Chinese, at the
Kowloon Magistracy to-day, for
stealing a rattan basket containing
sundry articles, the property of
Woo Pun, of 469, Reclamation
Street, yesterday.

The funeral of Mr. James John
("Jumbo") Hirst took place in the
Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley,
on Saturday, in the presence of a
large gathering which paid its last
respects at the graveside. The
service was conducted by the Rev.
W. Walton Rogers, M.A.

On Saturday Mr. E. H. Williams
concluded the hearing of the case
in which two Chinese were charged
in connection with uttering two
forged deposit certificates to the
value of \$22,000 purported to have
been issued by the Equitable East-
ern Banking Corporation. The
first accused was sentenced to six
months and the other to five
months' hard labour.

A large number of members of
the Buffalo Order and other
friends boarded the P. & O. s.s.
Kashmir on Saturday to give a fare-
well to Mr. John Butland, Imme-
diate Past Grand Prime, Grand
Council, and Treasurer for two
years of the R.A.O.B. Club.
Amongst those present to wish
him bon voyage were Messrs. C. W.
Wilson (Immediate Past Grand
Prime, Grand Lodge of England),
W. Matthews, K.O.M., and F.
Temme, K.O.M., and F. Elliott,
C.P. Mr. Butland, earlier in
the week was the recipient of a
farewell souvenir from the
R.A.O.B. Clubs, whilst the various
Lodges individually gave him a
cordial and affectionate send-off.

DARING ROBBERY FROM A SAMPAN.

(Continued from Page 1.)

said that on the night of the rob-
bery he was ashore, on the ground
floor of 13, Pitt Street, Yaumati,
about 100 feet from the foreshore
of the refuge. He was playing mah-
jongg with other men. He did not
know the names of the other play-
ers. The house was a social club
for boat people.

Witness first heard of the rob-
bery when the two men who had
been taken out of the water were
brought past the house on the way
to the Police Station. He knew the
two arrested men, but was not
friendly with them. He knew their
names because, like himself, they
worked on steam launches. He
did not hear why the men were
arrested.

His Lordship: Is that all you
know about the robbery?—Yes.
When you were charged you told
the names of these two men and
other people. How did you learn
those names?—When the detective
arrested me he said that the Police
had information from the boat peo-
ple that five men were concerned
and he told me the names of the
men.

Answering another question the
accused said that after the robbery
he stayed in Hong Kong until
September 17, 1929 when he went
to Canton to take a job as chief
engineer on a steam launch there.
The attraction was pay of more
than \$30, compared with only \$15
which he was getting here in Hong
Kong. He returned to the Colony
at the beginning of May 1930.
The case continued after tiffin.

HISTORY OF SUGAR.

ASIATIC ORIGIN OF THE INDUSTRY.

Washington, Nov. 30.
With the world suffering an over-
production of sugar in spite of
price of less than two cents a pound,
sugar authorities here turned back
the pages of history for reminders
of a brighter era.

Earliest sugar price quotations
on record were found for England,
in the year 1264, at which
time sales were made at
two shillings a pound. The pur-
chasing power of a shilling at that
time was approximately 20 times
the present day value.

Sugar items were found in the
household accounts of the Dauphin
du Valois, Humbert II of France
for the year 1333, but the volume
of purchases was small, and his-
torians report that the use of sugar
at that time was either for
pharmaceutical purposes, or as a
super-luxury.

The Surplus of Recent Date.
Long before the 13th century,
the sugar trade was a factor in the
wealth or poverty of great cities
and kingdoms, and only in the last
few decades has the surplus, rather
than the shortage of sugar, been the
chief source of worry.

Although historians have claim-
ed that China produced sugar 3,000
years ago, modern authorities in-
cline to the view that Bengal was
the original centre of sugar manu-
facture. As early as the year 236
A.D., the Kingdom of Funan, in
India, sent sugar as a tribute to
China.

A Chinese botanical work of the
fourth century A.D. referred to
sugar as "kan-che," or sweet bam-
boo, and said that it grew in Coch-
inchina. Further proof of the
Asiatic origin of sugar cane is
found in the name "sugar." All
modern names of the substance, it
is said, are derived from the
Sanskrit word "sarkara" or "sank-
lara."

Sugar cane was introduced into
the Tigris Valley in the fifth cen-
tury A.D., near Jondisspur, and
was an important article of com-
merce in Ancient Persia. The
Persians, learned to refine sugar
and the industry was encouraged by
the Sassanides kings.

Venice and Antwerp.
Venice, known to the world for
its painting and sculpture, in fact
had no more valuable art than that
of refining sugar. The process was
perfected, and during the Middle
Ages, Venice was the major centre
of the world sugar trade. This
supremacy in later centuries was
lost to Antwerp.

King Henry of Portugal is credit-
ed with having introduced sugar
culture in Madeira and the Canary
Islands, which were the most im-
portant sources of European supply
for nearly three centuries.

From the Canaries, sugar-cane
was transplanted to Brazil in the
early 16th century. The Spaniards
introduced cane into San Domingo
early in the same century, and the
industry was already well started
there in 1518. From there cane
was sent to Mexico in 1520. During
the 17th century the industry be-
came well established in Guade-
loupe, Cuba, the Guianas, and some
other parts of South America.
Cane plantings were sent from
San Domingo to Louisiana in
1751, where production was com-
menced by the Jesuits—United
Press.

POLISH WOMEN AND HOME STANDARD.

Study Circles to Link Rural & City Members.

Police women are dissatisfied
with the present state of their
domestic affairs, and are deter-
mined to change it.

At a conference recently
they developed the outline of a
practical scheme whereby the
Household Study-Circles which
already exist in Warsaw, Poz-
nan, Cracow, Lodz and other
Polish towns, should be welded
into a great "Union of Circles"
which, gathering together the
mistresses of homes both in
urban and rural districts, would
make of them an organisation
the demands of which could not
easily be set aside.

Family teachings, they said,
are obviously the basis of na-
tional character. In the family
are learned those first lessons
which afterward determine the
strength or weakness of the na-
tion. Therefore the family must
be run on organised and special-
ised lines, by mistresses who
themselves are organised and
most important, who are in touch
with other mistresses who work
with similar methods.

Amateurism.
Nobody, in these days, can
afford to be an amateur, they
said; but nobody can help being,
at least in a degree, amateurish
who is working along solitary
ways unaided by any general
desire for better conditions.
Therefore Polish women desire to
co-operate practically with the
Government with local or-
ganisations; with architects,
with industrialists, and others
in the procuring of well-
planned houses in which labour
may be rendered as easy, instead
of as difficult, as possible; in the
procuring of household utensils
adapted to the demands of the
rational organisation of work; in
the arrangement of defined work-
ing hours in which meal-times
shall have their allotted places;
in better means of education to-
ward a better regime in every
way.

They believe too—and here
they join issue with the opinion
of the women of almost every
country—that domestic work will
never be raised from its present
dangerously low level until
domestic workers are given a de-
finite status, and until the whole
profession is purged of those
workers who, utterly unquali-
fied, have entered into a depart-
ment of skilled service which they
do not understand.

CHINA BOUND.

MISS AMY JOHNSON HAS A FORCED LANDING.

ENGINE TROUBLE.

Berlin, Yesterday.
Miss Amy Johnson had a forced
landing at Kladawa, owing to en-
gine trouble. She was unhurt,
however, and resumes her flight
to-morrow.—Reuter.

Earlier News.

Warsaw, Yesterday.
Miss Amy Johnson took off to-
day for Berlin.

[A Warsaw message of January 7
stated:

After consultations with various
experts to-day Miss Amy Johnson
decided to postpone her flight to
Moscow en route to Peking until
later in the year, owing to the
bad weather conditions. Miss Amy
Johnson intends to leave for Mos-
cow by train for the purpose of an
interview with the Soviet aviation
authorities to collect data regard-
ing the flight.]

HONG KONG LANDS.

FINAL DIVIDEND OF \$2 PER SHARE.

The Directors of The Hong Kong
Land Investment & Agency Co.,
Ltd. have declared a Final Dividend
of \$2 per share. This with the
Interim Dividend of \$2 already
paid, makes \$4 in all for the year
1930.

Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of
January 19, 1921.)
To-day's dollar is worth 2/11
3/16.

Shanghai, Jan. 18.
The first prosecution under the
municipal notification prohibiting
rice hoarding and profiteering was
brought in the Mixed Court to-day,
when a Chinese shopkeeper, Tsung
Men-chi, was charged with at-
tempting to smuggle rice to Hong
Kong and was remanded a week on
bail of \$1,000.

THE WEIGHT OF THE EARTH.

Sir James Jeans Gives Some Big Figures.

PULL OF THE SUN.

Almost incomprehensible statements about the earth and the giant bodies of the heavens were made recently by Sir James Jeans, the astronomer, during a broadcast talk in Britain.

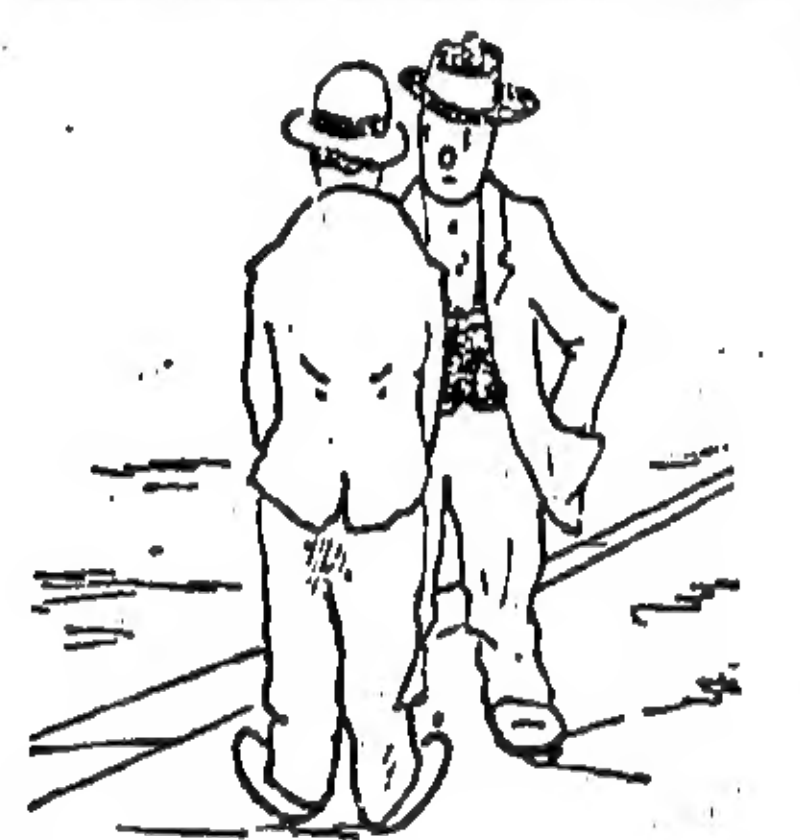
Sir James said that the gravitational pull of the earth, whether on a ton weight or a flying cricket ball, or on the moon, showed that it had the colossal weight of 6,000,000,000,000,000,000 tons.

"In the same way we can calculate the sun's weight from its pull on the earth, and we find that it has 332,000 times the weight of the earth for every ounce of the earth's substance the sun has very nearly a ton," he said.

"The sun's gravitational pull keeps the earth from wandering off into space. If it were not for this pull the earth's speed of about 19 miles a second would soon carry it far away from the sun into the cold depths of space, and we should meet an icy death within a few weeks."

Colony of Giant Stars.
"Just because the sun has this huge weight its gravitational pull is tremendous. A strong man who lived on the sun would only be able to throw a cricket ball for two or three yards, and would hardly be able to lift a seven pound weight. And to perform either of these feats he would have to be made of steel; a man of ordinary flesh and blood would be crushed flat under his own weight."

Sir James mentioned that there is a colony of four stars believed to have a total weight equal to nearly 1,000 suns and he stated



"What shall I do? My eyes keep watering."

"Put a bucket under them."—
Pages Gates, Yverdon.

that the sun gives out a light equal to that of 3,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 candles!

The most unwelcome star as far as this earth is concerned would be S. Doradus, which has over 300,000 times the candle power of our sun. "If our sun suddenly became as energetic as this star its extreme heat would rapidly turn the whole earth and all objects on it, including ourselves, into vapour," said Sir James.

SWEEPSTAKE BAN.

HOME OFFICE DILLY-DALLYING.

Methods adopted by the British Home Office for the better control of sweepstakes receive scathing criticism by Truth, which writes:

Pathetically disclaiming any responsibility for the existing law with regard to lotteries, Mr. Clynnes has attempted to show why the action of the Home Office and the Post Office in the case of the Irish Hospitals' sweep was delayed for several weeks. His explanation leaves one bewildered. It implies that nothing can be done till the illegal lottery circulars are "observed in the post" in open or unsealed envelopes, and, of course, "a sweepstake may be well under way before this stage is reached."

Only when attention is called to the matter in that way does the Home Secretary issue his warrant authorising the Postmaster-General to stop the transmission through the post of the letters and remittances addressed to the promoters of the sweep.

Not So Inefficient . . .

If this were a complete statement of the practice of the practice of the authorities it would prove that the operation of the law is even more haphazard than it is generally supposed to be. It can only be by chance that circulars are detected in the post, and seemingly that chance would be avoided if the promoters and all concerned were careful to send their communications in closed envelopes. As in the Irish case, everybody might know what was being done, but the Home Office and the Post Office would take no action. However, though this astonishing inference might be drawn from Mr. Clynnes's letter, I should not advise any promoter of sweepstakes at Home or abroad to

JAPAN'S ECONOMIC POLICY.

"A Fair Field and No Favour."

A British Economic Mission is now in Japan, says the Far Eastern Review, to investigate the possibilities for the expansion of British trade with that country. The mission, headed by Sir Ernest Thompson, was welcomed officially by Baron Shidehara and the leaders of Japanese finance and commerce at a dinner held at the Peer's Club in Tokyo. In his welcoming address, Baron Shidehara keynoted Japan's attitude towards world economic problems, placing before the representatives of British commerce and industry the fundamental facts of a situation that must be squarely faced if there is to be a return to world prosperity and international concord. Japan's policy is to live and let live. She asks in return a fair field and no favour, in strict accord with British traditions and British character. Baron Shidehara's speech follows:

"We are assembled here to offer our heartiest welcome to a mission from the United Kingdom—a country to which Japan is bound by such strong ties of friendship and of interest, and in which I spent so many happy days at an earlier stage of my diplomatic career. We all feel very highly complimented by your visit of courtesy and of observation. You represent economic activities having a world-wide influence and prestige. I trust you will find that it is open to the two nations to put forth their utmost efforts in trade and industry to the mutual advantage of both parties."

"I am perfectly sure that the merchants and manufacturers of Japan entertain no such vain and illusory expectation as that of monopolizing the market in any quarter of the globe. They only seek to enjoy in the open markets of the world their share of business, in an honest and honourable competition. Such a competition can only make for the common good of mankind. So long as this equal opportunity is not denied to our people, there should be an ample field for friendly and fruitful co-operation between British and Japanese interests in all directions of economic development."

"Vast markets are springing up, through the giant growth of the South American States; the rapid advancement in civilization of those African regions which half a century ago were wholly unknown in this country, and where the maps of your grandfathers would have only noted 'Here be elephants'—and the ferment of new ideas among four hundred millions of people in China. There will be room for both Great Britain and Japan, and for all the world, if they do not get in each other's ways."

"Gentlemen, you have seen a crowd slowly struggling to get through a wide enough door, to a football match, or out of a concert hall—and you know that if they would stop, squeezing and pushing, and move in and out with the swift precision of a regiment they would all reach their aim without friction or annoyance, and in a fraction of the time."

"Live and let live should be an accepted rule of conduct among nations: we stand for it in all our foreign relations, commercial as well as political. We repudiate the idea of capturing markets by unnatural and unworthy proceedings. What we ask is a fair field and no favour. I know that this policy is precisely in accord with British traditions and with British traits of character. I therefore confidently look forward to the future of the two nations marching side by side in loyal co-operation on the road of peace and prosperity."

"In this sentiment, and with all best wishes for the success of labours, I raise my glass to the health of the distinguished chairman and members of the British Economic Mission."

The Heart of Africa Mission headquarters in London on December 1 received letters from (bambi) Belgian Congo, concerning the health of Mr. C. T. Studd, the cricketer-missionary, whose seventieth birthday was on December 2. The Rev. Norman P. Grubb, his son-in-law, writing on October 24 last, soon after his return to Africa, said that Mr. Studd was considerably weaker than when he last saw him three years ago. He had heart attacks more frequently, and had had a very severe one at the beginning of October, though he had rallied. During the latter part of the summer, however, Mr. Studd had been able to accomplish a 780 miles motor tour among the mission stations he had founded.

rely upon it. Unless the practice of the authorities has lately been changed it really is not quite so inefficient as it is thus represented to be.

SIR H. STANLEY'S NEW APPOINTMENT.

Separation of Posts Criticised.

The appointment of Sir Herbert Stanley as High Commissioner in South America has led to considerable comment in Britain, not upon any grounds that are personal to His Excellency (of whom all speak well), but because it is felt, in some influential quarters, that the separation of the High Commissioner's office from the office of Governor-General is fraught with serious danger to good relations and administrative efficiency.

This point of view has been powerfully expressed in The Times by Earl Buxton, whose excellent record as Governor-General of South Africa entitles him to be heard on such a subject. He prefaces his criticisms, however, with the remark that, if the Dominions Office scheme is to be put into operation, the right man has been selected to carry out the policy.

Sir Herbert Stanley is in every way fitted for the position, he says, and his appointment will be warmly welcomed in South Africa.

Lord Buxton's complaint against the Government is that they should have decided on a separation of the two functions without consultation with those most qualified to advise in such a matter. He is concerned about the way in which the African Chiefs and natives will be affected thereby, and as to effect on the position of the Governor-General himself.

Other Doubts.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore has added his tribute to the excellent qualifications of the new High Commissioner.

He writes: "No one who knows Sir Herbert Stanley's record and personality will doubt his singular fitness to fill the dual role assigned to him," for he is apparently to be the representative of His Majesty's Government in the Union of South Africa as well as the King's personal representative in the three Native Protectorates. Mr. Ormsby-Gore strongly doubts the wisdom of combining the two offices in one person. He raises the question whether, whoever holds the High Commissioner's position is to be preferred to the Governor-General as His Majesty's representative, vis-à-vis the native Chiefs of the Protectorates.

He anticipates that the complete separation of the Governor-General from any connection with those Protectorates will be regretted by the majority of their inhabitants.

Questions in Parliament.

The late Under-Secretary of State raised the matter in the House of Commons with a view to elucidating the position. Mr. Thomas, in reply, stated that Sir Herbert Stanley would take up his new appointment in April next.

He will live and have his headquarters in Cape Town, where the High Commissioner's office has hitherto been situated, though it is contemplated that he should spend a part of each year at Pretoria.

Answering a further question, the Secretary of State said that the real object of this appointment was in consequence of the changed position of the Governor-General in relation to a Dominion.

"We are responsible," said Mr. Thomas, "for native policy. The Governor-General now being responsible to the Dominion Minister, I could not undertake the responsibility of having some one controlling native policy who was not directly responsible to me."

"Consternation."

The Earl of Selborne, another ex-Governor-General, has associated himself with the protest of Lord Buxton and Mr. Ormsby-Gore.

Writing in The Times he says that the decision to divorce the post of High Commissioner for South Africa from that of Governor-General will cause consternation to the native inhabitants of the three Protectorates.

He describes these people as wholly, even sentimentally, loyal to the British Crown, and declares that they will be much perturbed to find themselves no longer under the man whom they know to be the King's principal and direct representatives in South Africa.

From all of which it would appear that Ceylon's much-praised Governor is exchanging his present comparatively happy position for one which will be surrounded with many and peculiar difficulties.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels.

To-morrow—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels, 8.30 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre.

"One Mad Kiss." Theatre.

To-day—Central Theatre.

"The Delightful Rogue." Theatre.

To-day—World Theatre.

"Love and Duty" (Chinese drama). Theatre.

To-day—Star Theatre.

"The Desert Rider." Theatre.

To-day—Majestic Theatre.

"The Rainbow Man." Theatre.

To-day—Theatre Royal; Dame Clara Butt, 9.15 p.m.

Home Mails.

To-day—Outward for Europe via Victoria B.C., 5 p.m., and Europe via Siberia, 6 p.m. (President Pierce).

Sports.

See Diary on Page 8.

Meetings.

February 10—H. K. Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., ordinary meeting, Messrs Jardine Matheson's Offices, 12.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Paper at Helena May Institute, on "The New Post Laureate" by Mrs. P. Barker, 5.30 p.m.

January 21—Canossian Institute prize distribution, 5.30 p.m.

January 23—Yau-mat School prize distribution 11 a.m.

FIGHT WITH OCTOPUS.

Fisherman Saved By His Companions.

A fisherman's under-water fight with a giant octopus is reported from Sydney.

Wearing a bathing costume, Mr. Charlie Messenger, of Port Jackson, dived 20 feet in Sydney Harbour to tie a rope to a launch of his which had sunk two days previously. Two companions in another launch held the other end of the rope.

As he reached the launch one arm and both legs were seized by an octopus. He tore the tentacles away but as fast as he did so, others gripped him and he realised that his one hope lay in his companions.

Wrenching free the arm which held the rope he gave a succession of quick jerks, and the men above realising that something was wrong, pulled on the rope.

Apparently, the hideous fish had no grip on the launch and slowly octopus and man were drawn to the surface. When within a few feet to the surface, Messenger heard sucking noises, the tentacles were released, and the octopus sunk back into deep water.

The men on the launch estimate that the octopus was 2 ft. across with tentacles 7 ft. long.

UNION OIL IN THE FAR EAST.

The Union Oil Company of California, a \$300,000,000 concern, is conducting a careful investigation of the Far Eastern markets as an outlet for its products and it is reported that the prospects are deemed so favourable that it will erect a large plant in Shanghai early in 1931 and begin active marketing of its products in Central China. It is reported that the home office of the Company, located at Los Angeles, has decided to spend ten to twelve million dollars in establishing offices and plants in the Orient.

With Shanghai as the central office, subsidiary plants will be established at Tientsin to serve North China, at Hong Kong for South China and one at Manila for the Philippines business.

The Union Oil Company of California, incorporated in 1890, is one of the old oil companies in that state, and has developed many of the oil fields located in the Western United States. Until recently, the company has confined its major distribution and sales activities to the United States, confining its operations in China to marketing of greases and lubricating oils.

The decision of this company to enter the Oriental market on a grand scale, on competition with the older established firms, may be accepted as another sign of confidence in the rapid development of the Chinese demand for gasoline and other petroleum products.

Two Chinese, Cheung Kow and Chan Koi, were sentenced to two months' imprisonment at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day for stealing a trunk from the s.s. Empress of Russia, on December 28. The trunk was the property of Lam Kwong, and contained articles to the value of \$314.

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Sport Columns

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

CLEVER DISPLAY BY THE ARGYLLS.

ATHLETIC WELL DEFEATED.

The tit-bit of Saturday's football was seen at Sookunpo, where the Argyls showed greater superiority against the Athletic than the score of three goals to two suggests. The Navy accounted for the Borderers by two clear goals, another victory which may give the former the honour of being runners-up in the League. The Artillery surprised the Club and won by the odd goal in three, and the Recreio, strengthened by the return of their star performer, A. B. Gosano, disposed of the Saints on the latter's ground.

In Division II the Navy scored another runaway win, their victims being the Artillery. The Club reserves did well to account for St. Joseph's and the Argyls had no difficulty in overcoming the Borderers.

The leader of Division II, again, won, Ewo being the opponents, and R.A.O.C. easily accounted for R.E., an unexpected result. Both the Airmen and the R.A.S.C. caused surprise by beating Fukien and Athletic, respectively.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

Division I.			
Navy	2	Borderers	0
Club	1	R.A.	2
Argylls	3	Athletic	2
St. Joseph's	4	Recreio	6

Division II.			
Navy	8	R.A.	0
University	3	South China	2
Club	3	St. Joseph's	0
Borderers	0	Argylls	3
Recreio	0	Athletic	3

Division III.			
Fukien	0	R.A.F.	3
R.A.O.C.	3	R.E.	0
Ewo	0	Borderers	2
R.A.S.C.	3	Athletic	0

GOAL SCORERS.

Division I.			
Lowden (Argylls)	3		
Rocha (Recreio)	3		
Magee (Navy)	2		
Gosano, A. V. (Recreio)	2		
Leonard, D. (St. Joseph's)	2		
Suen Kam-shun (Athletic)	2		
1 penalty (Club)	2		
Segalen (Club)	1		
Moore (R.A.)	1		
Bryant (R.A.)	1		
Ward (Recreio)	1		
Castilho (St. Joseph's)	1		
Delgado (St. Joseph's)	1		

Division II.			
Nash (Navy)	4		
Bell (Club)	3		
Potts (Navy)	3		
Kirkby (Navy)	1		
Chung Fai-lam (South China)	1		
Woo Yu-tong (South China)	1		
Kho (University)	1		
Candah (University)	1		
Ballantyne (Argylls)	1		
Alexandra (Argylls)	1		
Grieve (Argylls)	1		
Lo Chai-wan (Athletic)	1		
Li Fong (Athletic)	1		
Hui Yui-fai (Athletic)	1		

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE.

Division I.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals	Pts.
South China	11	10	1	0	37	20
Argylls	12	9	4	0	30	18
Athletic	10	7	2	1	25	15
Borderers	11	6	4	1	23	13
Recreio	10	6	3	1	23	13
Kowloon	9	4	2	3	21	11
Navy	9	5	4	0	27	10
Police	12	8	3	1	26	17
R.A.	12	8	1	1	39	17
St. Joseph's	12	2	10	0	16	4
Club	12	1	9	2	7	30

Division II.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals	Pts.
Navy	15	11	4	0	64	22
Eastern	12	10	1	1	29	21
Borderers	13	9	2	2	29	16
Club	15	7	5	3	20	17
Argylls	12	7	3	2	28	17
University	13	5	5	3	24	17
Athletic	13	5	5	3	15	19
St. Joseph's	13	5	7	1	23	11
Kowloon	12	3	7	2	12	9
South China	14	3	9	2	14	8
R.A.	11	2	8	0	8	4
Recreio	13	0	10	3	5	42

Division III.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals	Pts.
Borderers	14	10	3	1	45	17
R.E.	10	8	1	1	21	20
Ewo	10	5	3	2	14	12
R.A.O.C.	8	5	2	1	31	14
South China	11	4	4	3	16	11
Fukien	11	4	5	2	28	10
Athletic	9	5	2	2	16	16
R.A.F.	11	2	8	0	21	5
R.A.S.C.	10	2	8	0	17	4

W. H. Powell, a former captain of Cambridge University and No. 10 in the Lawn Tennis Association's ranking list for 1930, has become engaged to Miss E. Ackersley, of Henton, Bradford.

Miss Ackersley is a keen lawn tennis player, and she competed at Ilkley, and the old-established Sheffield and Hallamshire, among other Yorkshire open tournaments, this year.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

IMPRESSIONS OF INTERPORT TRIAL.

PROBLEMS FOR SELECTORS.

(By "Scrum Half")

Everything was in favour of heavy scoring on the Club ground on Saturday, as there was little wind and the turf was in excellent condition, so that the low scoring came as a surprise. The greatest surprise was, however, the defeat of the probable Interport fifteen by a goal and three tries (14 points) to a try (3 points).

It was during the first half that the damage was really done. The Rest forwards were so dominating that they thoroughly demolished the Club forwards and never allowed them to settle down. The Club forwards had a bad afternoon. Massey did his best to pull them together, but he had a thankless task, though he played well enough to ensure his place.

Difficulties Ahead.

There were a number of outstanding individual successes, though the trial created more problems than it settled for the Selection Committee. The big task for the selectors will be the picking of the pack, as eight names do not readily come to mind. The departure of Sutill leaves a vacancy for a good hooker. Peers, who played booker for the Club, was very fair in the first half, but, instead of going into the three-quarter line, I should have liked to have seen him in action when his supporting forwards were nearly spent. I think he should be able to fill the vacancy with credit.

The Forward Problem. The Club have two good wing forwards, almost certain of inclusion, in Massey and Gammell. Now, for the remaining five forwards one has to stop and ponder. Buttress, in whom I based a good deal of faith was early injured and consequently did not give a fair account of himself. On his day, Buttress is well worth a place in the forwards. West was disappointing on Saturday. He was not conspicuous in the loose as is his wont, and appeared slow off the mark. Milne-Day did not catch the eye very often, but he puts in a lot of hard work in the light scrummages and is very useful in the loose. Atkinson played a fine game, for the Rest, and should be able to fill a place in the Hong Kong pack. He has weight and a surprising turn of speed when necessity demands and, should, with practice, develop into a formidable forward. There remains but one place in the forwards and it is indeed difficult to name a player for the vacancy. Burch was once or twice in the limelight, but he is apt to be very crude in his method of attack. His tackling is very fair and his work in the scrum averagely good. It certainly is a problem for the selectors to solve.

Useful Reminder.

Above all, the Club forwards must remember that it is their job to be on the ball throughout the game and to give every possible support to the player in possession. This was not the case in the second of the trial matches. Another important factor to be remembered is that a forward must be able to handle the ball well and also to be able to tackle, as well as having the ability to take the ball at his feet and understanding his job in the scrum.

Half-Backs.

King enjoyed himself in the first half when his forwards were gaining the ball, but in the second half he was comparatively subdued, though that was not surprising, for he rarely saw the ball and was always shadowed by alert wing forwards. He played too orthodoxly, I thought, in the first half. He always passed to Turner, and once when he was forced to go round the blind side of the scrum, he might well have cut through, but he passed inside instead. He gave a very much improved display. Of Turner, I can say little more than that he must pass more frequently. He received excellent opportunities from King, but time and again was brought down in possession.

Allers Unfortunate.

Of the centre three-quarters Allers was undoubtedly the most aggressive, but his unfortunate injury robbed the spectators of further thrills. He is one of the best centres in the Colony. Griffiths was excellent in defence but he received little support from Turner, who must remember that a pass must be given smoothly, and that continual feinting upsets his own centre almost as much as it does the opposition. Several times Griffiths was surprised by one of these jerky passes and dropped it. More was well supported by Allers and a better understand-

ENGLAND AND WALES SPILLS AT FANLING RACE MEETING.

Black Kicks Dramatic Last Minute Goal.

TWICKENHAM BOGEY.

Twickenham, Saturday. A crowd of 50,000 witnessed the titanic struggle between England and Wales here to-day.

Thousands of Welshmen poured into London after all-night excursions in char-a-bancs and a few minutes before the final whistle were in excellent spirits. Wales, leading by 11 points to 8, were almost certain of registering their first victory at Twickenham in the history of the game. The Welsh section of the crowd danced and sang joyfully as the minutes ticked away, but a tremendous roar greeted Black's penalty goal and dashed all Welsh hopes.

In the first half the Welsh fifteen were the more resourceful and their pack contained the tougher scrummagers. The visitors opened the scoring when Powell kicked a goal after "marking" the ball. Jones-Davies then got over for an unconverted try giving Wales a lead of six points. Burland broke away for England and touched down and converted his own effort, and before half-time, Black gave England the lead by kicking a penalty goal.

Half-time:—

England 8 points
Wales 6 points

On the resumption Wales again took the lead when Morley went over for Bassett to convert. This advantage they maintained up to the last minute. England were playing a better game than in the first half, fine scrummaging and determined tackling just saving the game.

With a Welsh victory in sight, England were awarded a penalty kick in the last minute. R. H. Black, the South African and Oxonian, amid a hush only known to Twickenham, landed a great penalty goal to snatch the game out of the fire in dramatic last minute.

Result:—

England 11 points
Wales 11 points
—Reuter.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

GOLF—To-morrow—Ross Cup—First Round (Ladies).
Sunday—Exhibition Four-Ball Game. Cretschmann and McIlhenny, Fanling; Semi-final, K.G.C. Junior Championship.
February 1—Second Round Junior Championship, Fanling.
February 10—Junior Section, Championship, R.H.K.G.C. (First round).
FANLING HUNT—Wednesday—Hunters' Arms.
Sunday—17 Pine Tree Hill, 20/4/30 milestone.
January 28—Race Course.
January 31—Sun Wal Camp.
RUGBY FOOTBALL—Saturday—Club v. Army (Triangular Tournament).
February 8—Club v. Navy (Triangular Tournament).
FOOTBALL—To-morrow—Interport Trial—Colony v. Army, 4.30 p.m.
TENNIS—To-day—U.S.R.C. Tournament—Second Rounds Close.
RACING—February 15—Fanling Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.
February 28—March 7—Annual Race Meeting.
March 14—First Extra Race Meeting.
FENCING—To-day—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 5.45 p.m.
CHESS—To-morrow—Kowloon Chess Club Championship.
BOXING—Wednesday—Army Individual Championship, City Hall.
ATHLETICS—March 15 and 16—Hong Kong v. Canton Universities.

HOME.

FOOTBALL—Saturday—English Cup—Fourth Round.
RUGBY FOOTBALL—Saturday—Scotland v. France, Paris.
ing can hardly be hoped for. Ferguson had an off day. He seemed lifeless and failed to impress. A feature of the game was the return to form of Lammett. His try in the first half was really good to watch. His tackling was sound and he caught the ball safely. On yesterday's form he was well worth a place, but this will present another knotty problem for the selectors.
Fox, who played full-back in the absence of Whitham, gave a very plucky display in the face of dangerous opposition. He could not be blamed for two of the tries, though, strictly speaking, he should have brought Lammett down. His kicking was certain, but his handling was not so sound.
I do not wish to strike a pessimistic note, but I feel somewhat that Hong Kong is not so strong as is generally considered.

YACHTING.

RESULT OF WEEK-END RACES.

ALL FINISH BUT TWO.

The results of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's regatta race for the Challenge Cup, sailed on Saturday over a course of 8.9 miles, extending from Lyemun Beacon to Channel Rocks, were as follows:—

"H" Class.

[Started at 2.35 p.m.]

	Finished	Corrected
Norena (4)	4.08.50	4.08.50
Rolla (3)	4.13.32	4.08.22
Dorothea (2)	4.17.10	4.07.32
Argylla II (1)	4.17.21	4.06.56
Colleen (6)	4.21.08	4.12.14
Puana (6)	4.21.33	4.14.36
Poleon (7)	4.38.00	4.18.43
La Linda	Did not finish	

"Y" Class.

[Started at 2.30 p.m.]

	Finished	Corrected
Bluejacket (1)	4.35.26	4.35.26
Adams (3)	4.39.23	4.39.23
Zephyr (2)	4.42.56	4.38.09
Why Wonder (4)	4.43.02	4.43.02
Wings (5)	4.43.32	4.43.32
Boojum	Did not finish	

"I" and "G" Classes.

[Started at 2.35 p.m.]

Yesterday's Event.

Result of the Cruiser Championship.

The fourth Cruiser Championship race was sailed yesterday. Course, round Lamma Island (S). Distance: 25 miles. The event started at 10.05 a.m., and resulted as follows:—

	Elapsed Time	P'tion	Total Points
Azuma	7.54.26	4	32
Brenda	7.54.26	4	32
La Cigale	7.04.27	2	33
Iris	9.20.27	6	40
Norseman	9.13.55	8	37
Queen Bee			18
Irene			32
U and I	8.06.24	5	41
Coquette	7.57.55	3	41
Curlew	9.29.55	7	34
Wanderer	7.02.43	1	16
Imogen			4
Snipe	10.14.18	9	41
Chinook			9

HOCKEY.

CLUB TEAM FOR SIM SHIELD MATCH.

The following have been selected to represent the Club v. the Army in the Sim Shield match on the U.S.R.C. Ground on Wednesday January 21, at 4.30 p.m.

Gregory, J. E. Henry, J. Rödger, A. Dand, M. W. Turner, J. Noronha, T. J. Price, C. C. Francis, H. Owen Hughes, G. R. More, and G. P. Lammett.

Reserves: A. Botelho and M. G. Marriott.

FANLING GOLF.

The following is the result of the Bogey Pool played at Fanling on January 17 and 18:—
W. A. Weight (18), 1 up down.
Other scores were:—
J. P. Sherry (17), 1 down.
L. G. S. Dodwell (9), 2 down.
Comdr. Priestley (13), 3 down.
There were 44 entries.

My grievance is that all too often the clever forward is stopped by physical means. Opponents in their keenness play the man instead of the ball, and under those conditions it is utterly impossible for him to be successful.—Peter McWilliam.

(Mr. Frost): Yankee (Mr. Braham). Won by half a length; many lengths between second and third.
Time: 2.37.
Parl-mutuel: Winner, \$30.80; Places, 1st \$4.30; 2nd \$2.50; 3rd \$2.50.

CASH SWEET RESULTS.

Race 1.	No.	Amount
	No. 510	\$923.25
	" 231	307.75
Race 2.	No. 578	\$975.10
	" 620	278.00
	" 083	139.20
\$20 tickets:—Nos. 55, 299, 278.		
Race 3.	No. 845	\$1,107.40
	" 993	\$114.40
	" 303	158.20
\$20 tickets:—Nos. 501, 503.		
Race 4.	No. 338	\$2,844.80
	" 419	\$12.80
\$75.30 tickets:—Nos. 504, 697, 208, 174, 208, 803.		
Race 5.	No. 380	\$1,169.70
	" 153	\$24.20
	" 812	137.10
\$20 tickets:—Nos. 628, 630, 498, 454, 1125, 1989, 941, 821, 86.		
Race 6.	No. 414	\$1,302.00
	" 434	\$61.10
\$20 tickets:—Nos. 97, 1103, 822, 1093.		

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INWARD MAILS

From	Per
Shanghai and Amoy	MONDAY, JANUARY 19.
Tuesday, January 20.	
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	General Metzinger
(London, Dec. 29, 1930)	
Saigon	Poithos
Calcutta and Straits	Kum Sang
Straits	Cremer
Batavia	Tjibadak.

Japan	Wednesday, January 21.
Kamo Maru	

Straits	Friday, January 23.
Hakone Maru	

Japan and Shanghai	Saturday, January 24.
Katori Maru	

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Dec. 26, 1930)	President Johnson
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Manila	Sunday, January 25.
President Jackson	

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Jan. 2)	President Taft
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Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 3)	Empress of Asia
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OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per
Swatow	MONDAY, JANUARY 19.
Hydrange	3 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.	

President Pierce	(Due Victoria, B.C., Feb. 6.)
Parcels	Jan. 19, 3 p.m.
Registration	4.15 p.m.
Letters	5 p.m.
Chenau	3.30 p.m.
Tai Ping	4 p.m.
Shinyo Maru	5 p.m.
President Pierce	Registration Jan. 19, 5 p.m.
Letters	6 p.m.

Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	
Tai Ping	(Due Thursday Island, Jan. 31.)
Parcels	Jan. 19, 5 p.m.
Registration	Jan. 20, 9.45 a.m.
Letters	10.30 a.m.

Manila & Java via Sourabaya	Tuesday, January 20.
Straits and Calcutta	
Tjibadak	9.30 a.m.
Parcels	Jan. 20, Noon.
Letters	1 p.m.
Hai Yang	1 p.m.
Tonkin	1 p.m.

General Metzinger	(Due Marseilles, Feb. 20.)
G.P.O.	
Registration	Jan. 20, 1.45 p.m.
Letters	2.30 p.m.
Porthos	2 p.m.
Kwanto Maru	3.30 p.m.

Sarpodon	(Due Marseilles, Feb. 18.)
G.P.O.	
Registration	Jan. 20, 5 p.m.
Letters	6 p.m.
Cremer	5 p.m.
Kwai Sang	5 p.m.

Amoy	Wednesday, January 21.
Tsinan	3.30 p.m.
Kumsang	5 p.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	Thursday, January 22.
Menado Maru	8.30 a.m.

Kamo Maru	(Due Thursday Island, Feb. 4.)
Registration	Jan. 22, 8.45 a.m.
Letters	9.30 a.m.
Hulchow	5 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Friday, January 23.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	
Hakone Maru	3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	
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HOME FOOTBALL.

SCOTTISH CUP TIES AND LEAGUE MATCHES.

PHENOMENAL SCORING.

London, Saturday.

The English League matches and Scottish Cup ties to-day resulted as under:—

SCOTTISH CUP.

Hearts 9 Stenhousemuir 1

Queen's Park 5 Elgin City 0

East Stirling 0 Hamilton 0

Armadale 1 Rangers 7

Hibernians 3 St. Cuthbert 1

Montrose 2 Mid-Annandale 0

Murrayfield 3 Bell 2

Inverness C. 0 Kilmarnock 7

Thistle 2 Buckle Thistle 2

Albion 6 Vale O' Atholl 0

Morton 1 Falkirk 0

King's Park 7 Leith 0

Clyde 7 Leith 0

Ayr 11 Clackmannan 0

Bo'ness 3 Peterhead 0

Aberdeen 6 Dumbarton 1

St. Mirren 3 Clydebank 1

St. Johnstone 3 Forfar 0

Queen O' Sth. 2 Cowdenbeath 3

Motherwell 6 Bathgate 0

Alloa 2 Dalbeattie 0

Civil Service 2 Banff Rovers 0

Dumfries 10 Fraserburgh 1

East Fife 1 Celtic 2

Dunfermline 2 Airdrie 2

Glas. Univ. 0 Trossachs 0

Dundee U. 14 Nithsdale 0

Brechin 0 Falkirk 3

St. Bernard's 6 Stranraer 2

Partick 16 Royal Albert 0

Arbroath 7 Moor Park 1

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EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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Bank, 4 months' sight 11½

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On demand 23½

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On demand 65½

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On demand 65½

On Singapore—

On demand 41½

On Manila—

On demand 47½

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Amsterdam 12.06½

Milan 92.72½

Berlin 20.43

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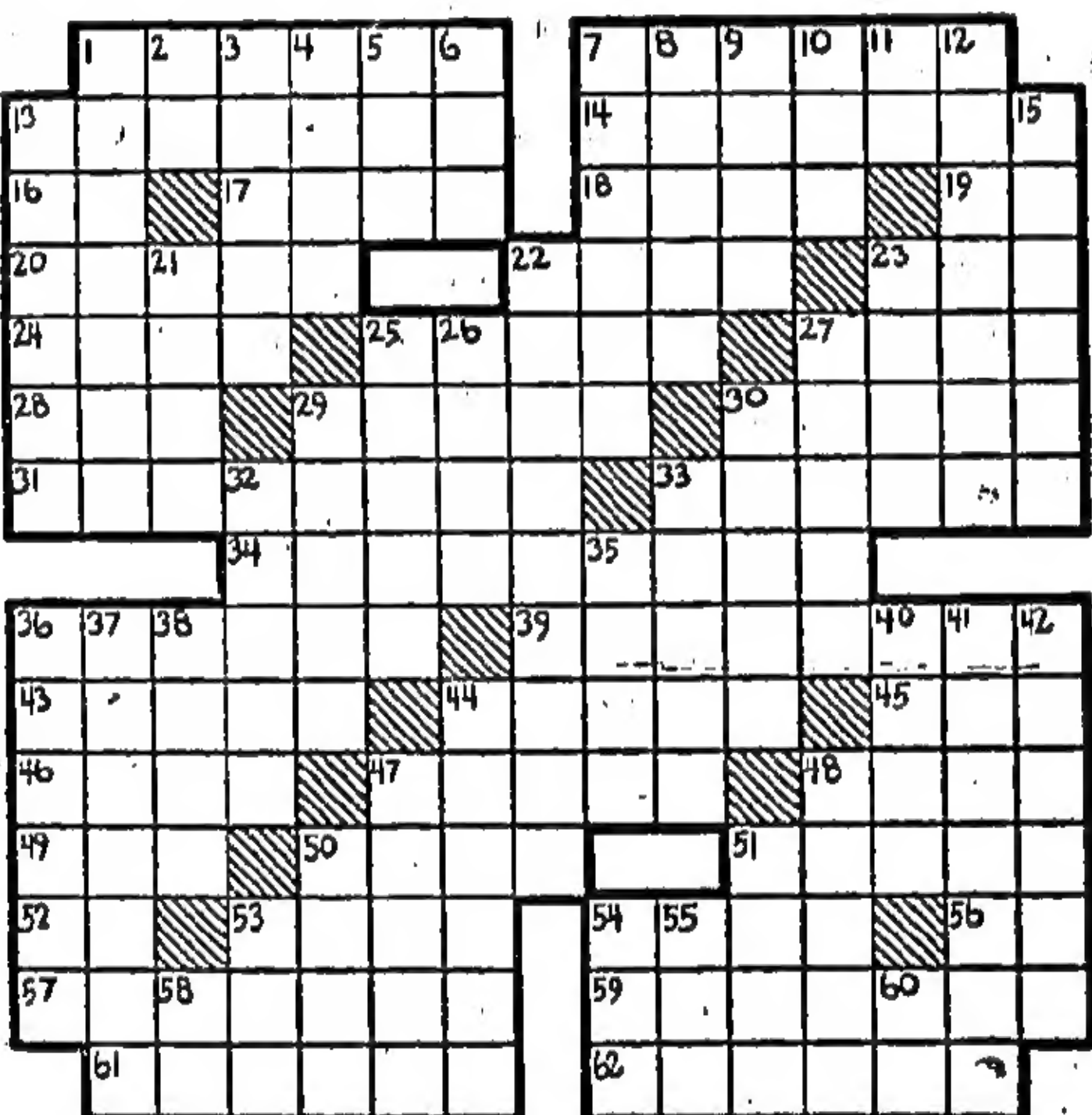
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1—One who owes money
- 7—Harmonize
- 13—Naked destitute
- 14—Offer
- 16—Prefix, out of
- 17—Desert dweller
- 18—Square of glass
- 19—Prefix, from
- 20—Similar
- 22—Scrubs
- 23—Indefinite period of time
- 24—Fathers (familiar)
- 25—Rank
- 27—A mate (slang)
- 28—Previous to
- 29—Still
- 30—Pocket-book
- 31—Sweetie
- 33—Cautious
- 34—The process of tempering
- 36—Plunders (archaic)
- 39—An English statesman
- 43—Joint
- 44—Attempts
- 45—Time
- 46—Equal
- 47—Tomb

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 48—High card (pl.)
- 49—Perform
- 50—Pouches
- 51—Nerve
- 52—Pronoun
- 53—Lie in warmth
- 54—Mary Pickford's husband
- 56—Topographical Engineer (abbr.)
- 57—School-master
- 59—Made secure
- 61—Temporary ruler
- 62—Trust

VERTICAL

- 1—Make known
- 2—Comparative suffix
- 3—Bird bill
- 4—The darning
- 5—Egg-shaped ornaments
- 6—Blang for rebel
- 7—Bring near
- 8—Snare
- 9—Decimal numbers
- 10—Employ
- 11—Compass point (abbr.)
- 12—Sanction

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 13—Ornamented with globules
- 15—Contributed
- 21—Roman date
- 22—Slaughters
- 23—Merit
- 25—Horny excrecences
- 26—Musical instrument
- 27—Gleason
- 29—Freshen
- 30—Trousers
- 32—Relish
- 33—Metallic threads
- 35—Den
- 36—Paid back
- 37—Voter
- 38—Encourage
- 40—Contest of speed
- 41—Thrown out
- 42—Tried
- 44—Label
- 47—Wash-bowl
- 48—Debate
- 50—Mentally sound
- 51—Sharp rigid point
- 53—Large
- 54—Achieved
- 56—Individual
- 58—Pronoun
- 60—Royal Navy (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

SAIGON AIR MAIL.

NEW SERVICE OPENS AT MARSEILLES.

Marseilles, Saturday.

The Marseilles-Saigon air mail was opened this morning when the seaplane Syria, carrying a pilot, mechanic, a wireless operator and two passengers, with 63 kilos of mail and some live animals, took off for Naples en route to Damascus, where the mail will be transferred to an aeroplane piloted by M. Nogues, the well-known air "ace," who is a director of the line, and will take the first air mails to Saigon, via India and Siam.

The duration of the flight is reckoned to be from 10 to 12 days. Mails will leave Marseilles on

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.

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Saturdays, every fortnight commencing February 14.

One of the passengers for Syria is Captain Challes, the well-known long distance flier, who is travelling to Bagdad.

QUEEN OF SONG.

DAME CLARA BUTT AT THE CITY HALL.

"ABIDE WITH ME."

An enthusiastic audience gathered in the Theatre Royal on Saturday night to welcome Dame Clara Butt and her husband, Mr. Kennerley Rumford, on their first appearance in Hong Kong. H.E. the Governor and Lady Peel were present, as were most of the music-lovers and musicians of the Colony.

Dame Clara Butt has been rightly termed Britain's greatest singer, since she has a contralto voice of phenomenal range power, and sweetness, a flawless technique and delivery, and she possesses to a superlative degree the "Grand Manner" which audiences expect from all Prima Donnas.

Sheathed from head to foot in a gown of shimmering gold, the great singer looked simply superb, and from the moment of her first entry she held her audience spell-bound.

It has been said that mediocre singers frequently achieve a spurious success in German Lieders and songs of the modern French School; but that only a great artist can win fame by means of a simple English ballad.

Patti did it, and will be remembered for her rendering of "Home Sweet Home" long after her interpretation of the part of "Zerlina" is forgotten. Albani likewise will always be remembered for Handel's simplest melody, "Angels Ever Bright and Fair."

Two Immortal Songs.

Dame Clara Butt has rendered immortal two songs of Britain: "Land of Hope and Glory" and "Abide With Me," yet she is equally at home in operatic music, German Lieders, and gay little English ballads!

Her first group was particularly well-chosen. The famous aria, "Divinite du Styx," from Gluck's Opera, "Alceste," was given with intense dramatic fervour. She followed it by the lovely seldom-heard "Stornallatrice," by Respighi. The sombre phrases were given with depth and feeling, while the high notes and grace-notes were smoothly and beautifully given. Her third song ("The Spirits Song by Haydn) was given with insight and a deep sense of mystery; and the phrase "My Spirit Wanders Free and Waits Till Thine Shall Come," with the high note of the climax, rang out with sweet and thrilling intensity! As an encore the Prima Donna gave Brahms' ever popular "Der Schmelde."

Mr. Kennerley Rumford.

Mr. Kennerley Rumford proved no less popular and opened his first group by a very perfect interpretation of "Where'er You Walk" (Handel), the smooth and easy phrasing and beautifully modulated runs being particularly pleasing. In complete contrast came Walford Davies' patter song, "When Children Play," and the group ended by a stirring rendering of "The Two Grenadiers" sung in English. As an encore Mr. Rumford gave the well-known "Requiem" by Craxton.

In his second group Mr. Rumford gave us "Sea Fever"—an English folk song; and ended by a very fine delivery of that stirring ditty, "The Yeoman of England." His encore was that very captivating sea shanty, "Billy Boy," and the audience refused to let him go until he had followed it by that old favourite, "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes."

Four Delightful Songs.

Dame Clara Butt brought the programme to an end by four delightful songs, of which the first, "Deep River," was perhaps the finest performance of the whole evening! She realised to the full the intense devotion of this "Negro Spiritual." Her voice sounded magnificent, with the startling contrast of the deep low notes and the ringing clearness, and sweetness of the unexpected high notes with which the phrase ended! "Trees," by Rabach, served to lead us gently from the intensity of "Deep River" into the sparkling and intimate charm of that delicious little song, "A Fairy Went A-Marketing," which proved so popular that it had to be repeated. And in speaking of this we must praise the perfect diction which made the song so attractive.

The programme ended by a wonderful rendering of "Abide With Me," given with intense fervour. The great singer was not allowed to depart until she had given us Britain's greatest anthem "Land of Hope and Glory." In default of an organ the singer asked her audience to help her by singing the refrain and for once in a way the audience threw off their customary reserve and responded with a vigour which was as surprising as it proved satisfactory.

Just by way of a reward the duet, "The Keys of Heaven," given by both singers, made a delightful and intimate finish to a wonderful evening of song. It need only be added that this wonderful programme has height-

ROMANTIC DRAMA AT THE QUEEN'S.

A Singer of Languorous Ballads.

TWO NEW "STARS"

Romantic drama in the atmosphere of "Old Spain" is the current attraction at the Queen's, the film, "One Mad Kiss" serving to introduce two newcomers to the screen in Don Jose Mojica and Mona Maris. It can be said at once that they might have been given a better story to interpret, the present one not being conspicuous for its originality.

Douglas Fairbanks has taught us more or less what to expect in this kind of film, and Mojica pulls off one or two of Douglas' "stunts" in the course of the picture, but is at his best as a singer of languorous ballads. He would be even better if he concentrated on a few "sure-fire hits," which, after all, is what the general public quite naturally wants to hear, the success of talkies of this kind depending largely upon the audience carrying away a melody.

Mona Maris is sufficiently vivid as the Spanish cafe dancer with whom both the bandit hero and the local jefe fall in love. Tom Patricola provides some very welcome humour, and the plot winds its pleasant way to the final-and-vocal-exchange of vows, with the bandit's patient nodding approval in the background.

"DELIGHTFUL ROGUE."

Radio Pictures has taken sound to sea.

In "The Delightful Rogue," the all-talking film featuring Rod La Rocque, which comes to the Central Theatre to-morrow, the RCA Photophone recorder has gone aboard a sea-going vessel for the first time. And the sound effects of this romantic story of a modern pirate are both novel and dramatic.

La Rocque appears in "The Delightful Rogue" as a brand new style of pirate... a suave, sensuous Latin who has stolen a yacht and set out to plunder a little group of tropical islands.

It is a new type of characterisation for La Rocque, a sympathetic villain role of which he makes a great deal.

Rita La Roy, a newcomer to the ranks of featured players, plays opposite La Rocque. She is a "find" of Henry Hobart, who acted as associate producer of the film. In addition to giving a very dramatic performance as the beautiful belle of the little island port, she interpolates several singing and dancing numbers in the film which contribute much to its varied charm. Several original tunes, including "Gay Love," by Oscar Levant and Sidney Clare, are featured.

Charles Byer, Ed Brady, Sam Blum, Harry Semels, and Bert Moorehouse head the supporting cast.

A. Leslie Pearce and Lynn Shores directed from Wallace Smith's Cosmopolitan story, "A Woman Decides."

"The Delightful Rogue" will have a four days' run in the Central Theatre.

"THE BERG."

This British all-talker and sound film, which will be shown at the Queen's Theatre on Wednesday, is a super production and a screen adaptation of Mr. Ernest Raymond's play, "The Berg." It displays in a remarkable way how the certainty of death reacts upon various people—theists, people of the world, and upon one magnificent priest, who tells them how men ought to die.

And there is also another good plucked up, the wireless operator, who, true to his calling's tradition, carries on with the ship sinking beneath his feet.

During the "shooting" of those scenes at Tilbury Docks and Elstree, some of the actors had to be in the water for three hours.

"THE DESERT RIDER."

The feature attraction at the Star Theatre to-day only is "The Desert Rider" an M-G-M picture which stars Colonel Tim McCoy and Raquel Torres. It is a story of the days of the Pearly settlers in the State of California, and depicts the difficulties encountered by "pony express" riders, who are entrusted with Governmental land deeds. The film contains many thrilling scenes, including a vivid battle between bandits and the riders. Bert Roach, Harry Woods, Edward Connelly and others are in the cast. Two comedies are screened in addition to this picture.

ened our anticipation of the second and final concert which is to be given in the Theatre Royal to-morrow.

GLEE SINGERS.

PLANS FOR SEASON OPEN TO-DAY.

Booking opens at Moutrie's to-day, for the week's season of Mr. Edward Branscombe's Westminster Glee Singers, which begins on Monday, January 26, in the Theatre Royal, and in response to several requests, Mr. Branscombe has arranged to give one special matinee, on Saturday afternoon, January 31, at 3 p.m., the price for which will be \$3 (reserved) instead of the \$4 at the night performances.

It is one of the crowning glories of British singing that its boy sopranos have for centuries been unequalled in the world and the prominence has existed until the present day. It must never be forgotten that the training of these lads is of such a nature and extends over such a long period that they are veritably professional vocalists of experience. Most cathedral choirs in Britain have no fewer than 14 services per week, often with daily rehearsals, so it is no wonder that such an extraordinary pitch of excellence is reached in these young choristers.

In the Westminster Glee Singers will be found six of these youngsters, who, for beauty of voice and purity of expression would be hard to excel. They are reminiscent of a beautiful phase of British musical culture and have proved quite as important as a "draw" with the public as are the 10 adult performers, who are from London's leading music halls, theatres, and choirs, comprised of tenors, baritones, basses, and an excellent comedian.

Mr. Branscombe takes every care to preserve the youthful beauty and freshness of the boys' voices, and they are also accompanied on their world's tour by a special tutor.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

MAN AND WIFE DEAD A MONTH AFTER MARRIAGE.

Umtali, Dec. 14.

Married at Salisbury, South Rhodesia only a month ago Dr. R. L. Magoon, the noted American big game hunter and dentist, and his wife, Audrey were found dead in their bedroom.

It is presumed that Dr. Magoon killed his wife and then committed suicide.

The wife came from Oregon, United States, with her two daughters two months ago.



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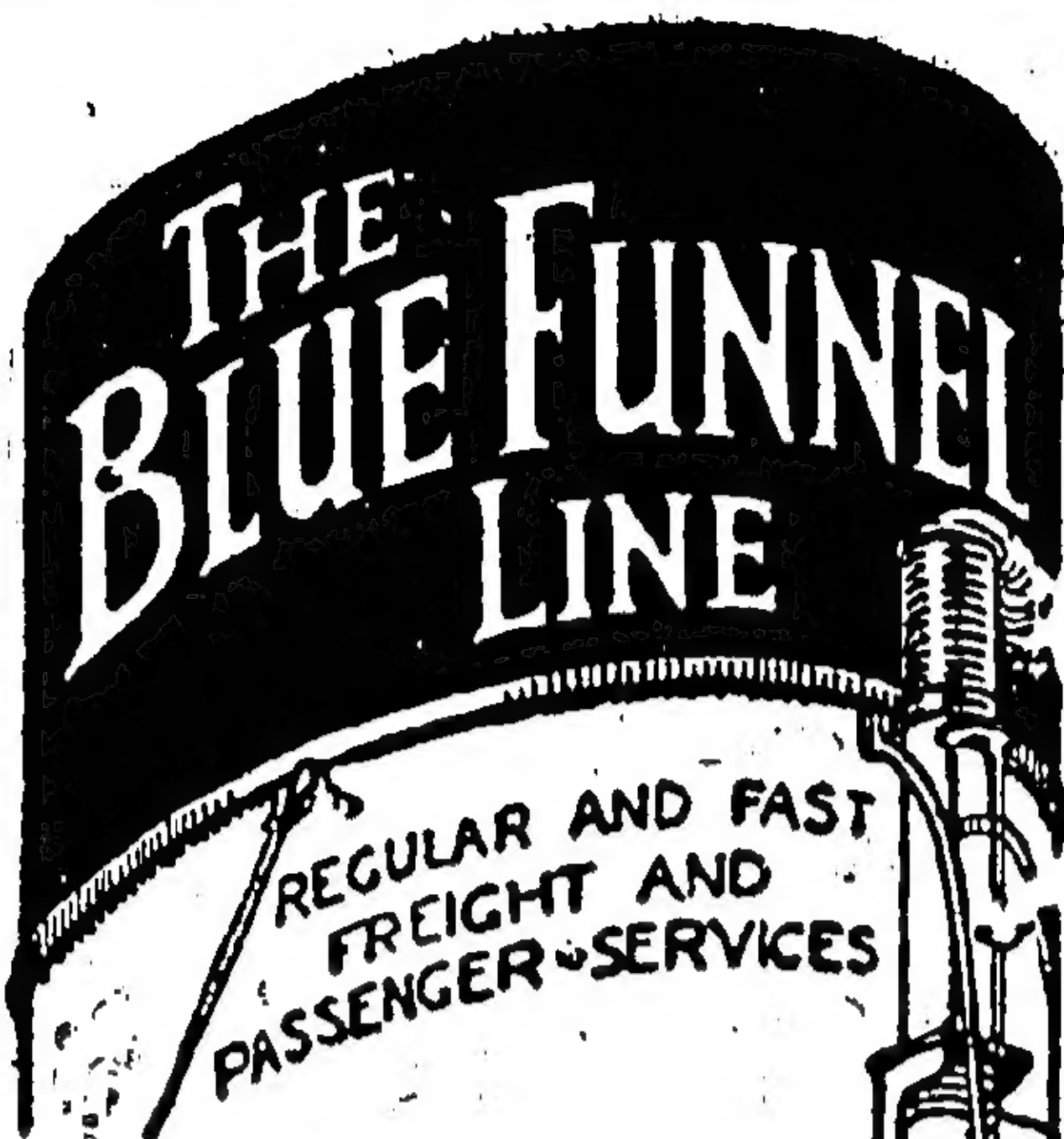
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SUGAR CONTROL.

MEETING WITH BRITISH INTERESTS.
 THE CHADBOURNE PLAN.

Paris, Saturday.
 The "Sugar Ambassador" Mr. Chadbourne, is leaving for London to-morrow to meet the representatives of the British sugar interests and to urge the necessity of refraining from an increase in production now that sugar exporting countries have agreed to curtail production.
 Mr. Chadbourne recently consulted Java interests, who are arranging to confer with the Japanese Ambassador in Paris in regard to the limitation of sugar production controlled by Japan.—Reuter.

QUEER TRADING.

SEAPLANES EXCHANGED FOR BAGS OF COFFEE.

Rio Janeiro, Saturday.
 The newspaper O Journal states that the Government of Brazil will take eleven of General Balbo's seaplanes in exchange for 50,000 sacks of coffee which are now stored in Genoa.—Reuter.
 [General Balbo started from Lake Orbetello Italy, on December 17 for a trans-Atlantic flight with 12 seaplanes. After meeting with storms and a series of mishaps ten of them reached Porto Natal, Brazil, on the 6th inst., the other two being forced down. The following day it was reported that five men were killed when the two planes crashed, both accidents being attributed to the heavy loads which the planes had to carry for the flight.]

BAN ON REDS.

COMMUNIST PARTY TO BE MADE ILLEGAL?

Washington, Saturday.
 The recommendation that the Communist Party in the United States be declared illegal figures among fourteen suggestions made by the committee that investigated Communist activities.
 The committee also recommends that the United States ask permission for her officials to inspect the Soviet prison camps and report upon the alleged use of convict labour.

"STAINING THE FAIR NAME OF INDIA."

Viceroy Expatiates on Crimes of Violence.

"MALIGNANT CANCER."

New Delhi, Saturday.
 In his address to the Assembly the Viceroy, Lord Irwin, referring to the "crimes of violence which deeply stained the fair name of India," said that "the experience of the past months leaves no doubt in regard to the existence of an organisation whose insane objective it is to promote the overthrow of established government by the deliberate creation of a state of terrorism."
 The Viceroy referred to the wide condemnation of such outrages as showing "the growing recognition of an urgent and paramount need for removing this malignant cancer from the life of India."

After dwelling on the "incalculable value" of the results of the Round Table Conference in dissipating misunderstandings on both sides, Lord Irwin appealed to the leaders of all communities to meet again for the purpose of settling communal difficulties. He also appealed to Gandhi to try another course, and urged "all the best elements in India and Great Britain to join hands in bringing to fruition the undertaking so well begun in London and thus place their seal of friendship once again upon the relations between the two peoples whom unhappy circumstances had latterly estranged.—Reuter.

COAL DISPUTE.

ACCEPTANCE OF OWNERS' TERMS RATIFIED.

London, Saturday.
 The South Wales Miners' Delegates Conference have ratified the acceptance of the owners' terms and have ordered the resumption of work on January 19.—Reuter.

LIVING ON GRASS.

PLIGHT OF CHINESE IN SHENSI.

TERRIBLE FAMINE.

Nanking, Yesterday.
 How the inhabitants of many districts are subsisting on grass and shrubs, and are using windows, doors and other woodwork of the houses for fires against the intense cold, is told in an appalling story unfolded by Yu Tiu-jen, the President of the Control Yuan, on his return yesterday evening from a tour of inspection of Shensi.
 He said the famine had caused the depopulation of large areas, and conditions were particularly terrible in West Shensi.—Reuter.

TO STAY IN MUKDEN.

PLANS OF CHANG HSUEH-LIANG.

Tientsin, Yesterday.
 Chang Hsueh-liang left for Mukden by aeroplane at 10.20 this morning, accompanied by only a few members of his staff. The remainder of his staff and his body-guard left by train at 4.45 this afternoon.
 It is believed he will stay in Mukden until after the China New Year, as it is stated that affairs here have been satisfactorily adjusted, and numerous matters in Manchuria require his attention.—Reuter.

SPIRE COLLAPSES.

WORSHIPPERS KILLED DURING 'QUAKE.'

New York, Yesterday.
 A message from Mexico City says that 71 worshippers are reported to have been killed in the collapse of the spire of a church in village of Guadalupe, 80 miles from Oaxaca, during the recent earthquake.—Reuter's American Service.

The title of the address to be given by the Hon. Dr. Foo Ping-sheung at 5.15 p.m. to-morrow, in Room "K" of the University is "Engineering Development in the near Future in China." The general public is invited to attend.

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